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Matriculation Examination.

In November six students in Class Middle IV sat for the special matriculation of the University, only one turned out successful. From 1927 to 1930 our percentage of success had varied between 80 per cent. and 40 per cent. Hence we may realize the unhappy effects of the circumstances mentioned above.

In December 15 Normal students sat for their Final Examination and 4 passed, another 2 being referred in certain subjects. Of the 2 students referred from 1930 one turned out successful. The five successful candidates are to be awarded teacher certificates this morning.

The school was visited on September 28 by the Director of Education in the company of Mr. A. O. Brown; medically inspected by Dr. Minett on April 21 and October 21; and visited on October 16 by Mr. Grace of the F.M.S. in the company of Mr. Y. P. Law (Inspector of Vernacular schools).

Sphere of Sports.

In the sphere of sports traditional interest has been well maintained. In spite of several senior players leaving school, our Senior Team did not hesitate to compete for the inter-school Volley Ball honours and turned out 3rd in the list.

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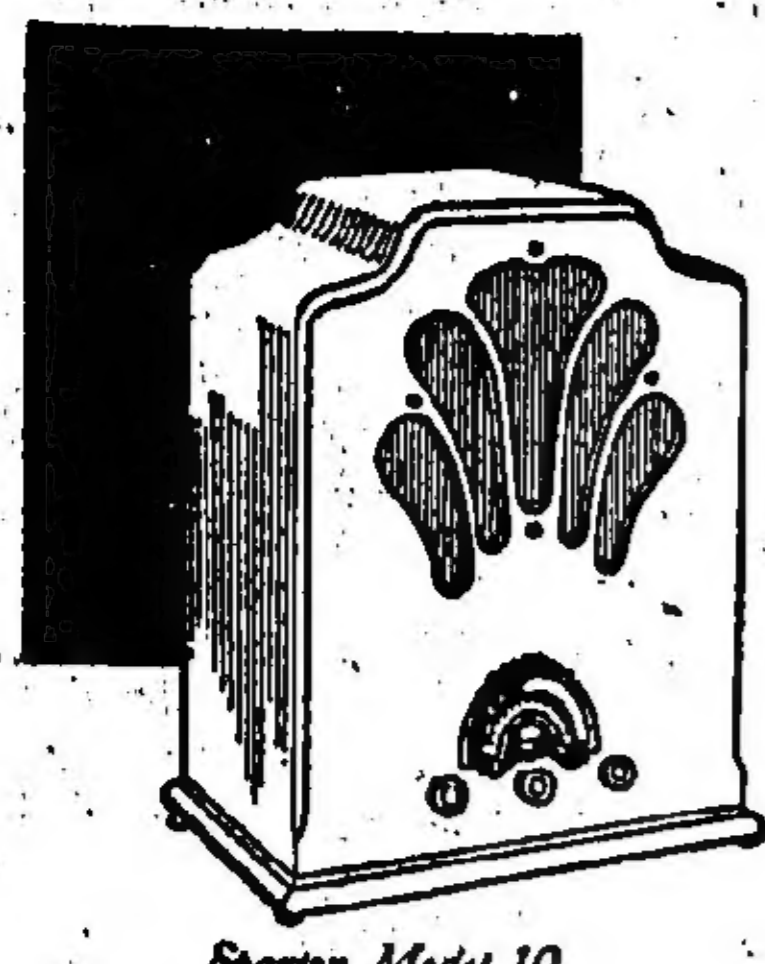
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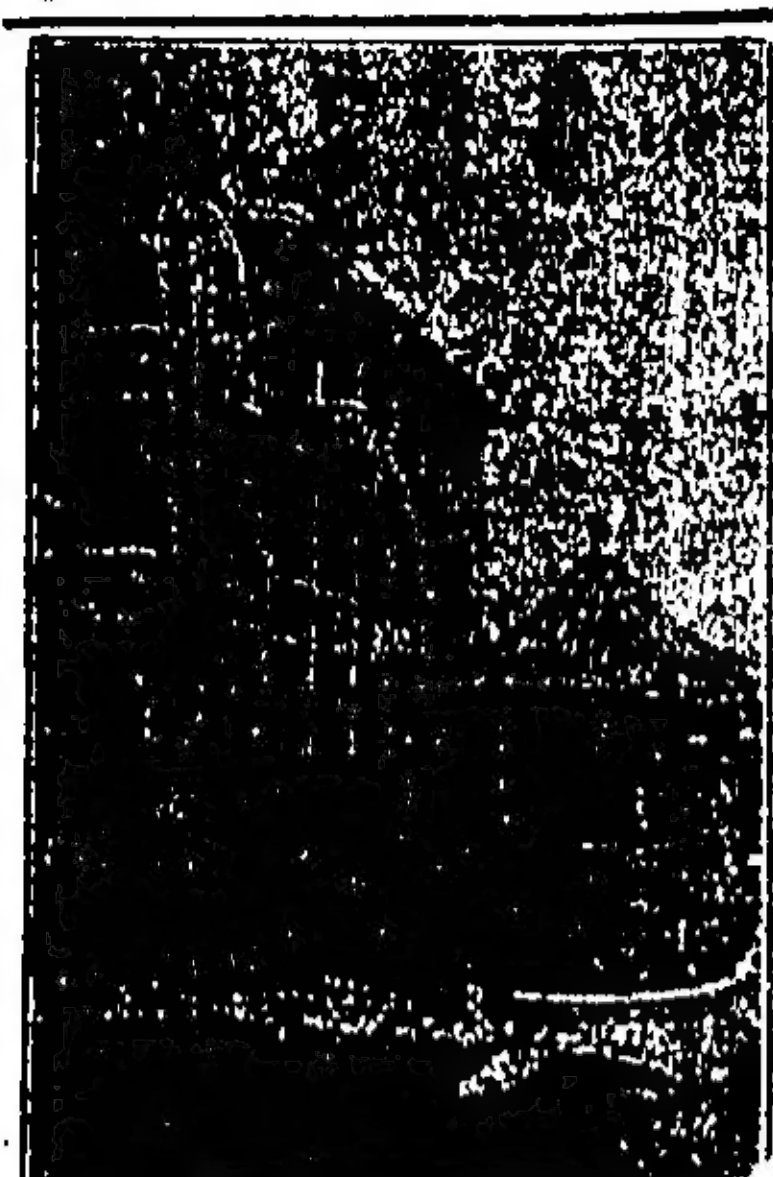
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## ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

### Reviews from Official Sources.

#### "BAD GIRL."

Vina Delmar has lived the greater part of her life amid the surroundings she so faithfully presents in her first novel, "Bad Girl," which has been made into a motion picture by Fox featuring James Dunn and Sally Eilers and is now showing at the King's Theatre.

The Harlem which Mrs. Delmar knows is a different one from Girl Van Vechten's "Nigger Heaven." It is a white Harlem dealing with \$20 a week typists—with men who marry on \$40 a week—with boys and girls who go up to the dance halls in the Winter and excursions in the Summer. It is small townish intimate, "the sort of place where you can talk to a woman for ten minutes and know the important secrets of her life" as the author says.

Speaking of "Bad Girl's" dominant theme in a recent interview, Frank Borzage, the production's director said, "Bad Girl" was fundamentally interesting, both as novel and as a stage play, because it dared to strike away from the current trend of pseudo-sophistication in literature and drama and tell simply a human story dealing with every day people."

#### "ONLY SAPS WORK."

None of your "copy-cat" stuff for Mary Brian!

Not long ago, "shingles" were the dernier cri in hair styles. But rather than be one of the mob, Mary Brian, who is, above all else, an individualist, kept her generous roll of long hair intact.

More recently when shorn bobs were permitted to lengthen, Miss Brian pruned off to the barber's for a shearing.

The latest Brian coiffure, which is a halo of short ringlets, is displayed for the first time in Paramount's comedy romance, "Only Saps Work" showing on Friday next at the King's Theatre.

Miss Brian's esoteric qualities extend to clothes, conduct and make-up.

Furthermore, Mary Brian dares to be sensibly economical in the matter of clothes. She does not discard a gown after it has appeared publicly upon several occasions. She wears her frocks for a full season, in a community where rapid-fire costume changes are the order of the day.

#### "A FREE SOUL."

Work and vacation were combined by Norma Shearer in the making of "A Free Soul" her latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer starring picture which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

After the interior scenes were filmed, under the direction of Clarence Brown, the company proceeded "on location" to the Yosemite Valley where the star and Lionel Barrymore enacted the camping sequence migrating by horseback to new scenery daily, amid the beauties of Vernal Falls, Half Dome, Cathedral Spire, El Capitan, Yosemite Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, and other world-famous spots in the "Valley of Sublimity."

The new picture is a filmisation of Adela Rogers St. Johns's celebrated novel, dealing with the "emancipated" girl whose father's teaching led her to the threshold of ruin.

The supporting cast also includes Leslie Howard, Clark Gable, and Lucy Beaumont.

#### "LASCA OF RIO GRANDE."

A new fad has conquered California.

It is the barbecue. Probably it will be over-done, but in the meantime Leo Carrillo, star of "Lasca of the Rio Grande," which is now playing at the Central Theatre, reveals some interesting facts about the barbecue before it became a sandwich. And Carrillo has every right of authority. His ancestors settled in this land and owned most of it from San Diego to the border, and beyond.

In the first place, the correct term is barbecco and not barbecue. Toasted meat was an invention of the old Latins and fulfilled both a masculine and a feminine need. It was very like the fireless cooker of to-day. These original Californians dug deep pits, lined them with rock, built a fire in them and threw carcasses of oxen and sheep, halved or quartered upon the heated boulders to remain for hours and hours. The old Dons went off early in the morning to fight. Naturally, they came back hungry. The senoras and senoritas set out early, too—to practise the castnet and tambourine dances. So it was an easy matter for the ladies to keep the dinner warm and peace in the family at the same time by means of the barbecue.

#### "BEYOND VICTORY."

Screen romance is at last coming into the life of Zasu Pitts.

Ordinarily, it has been Miss Pitts's lot to play forlorn spinsters, homely housemaids, or other unlovely roles in which the scenario writers doom her to languish while a prettier girl carries away the matrimonial prizes. But whenever she plays with Jimmie Gleason, the one and only Pitts perks up and does a Northwest Police with the result that she always gets her man.

Zasu and Jimmie recently played two of the world's most original sweethearts in "Oh Yeah," and wisecracked their way from casual acquaintance to high romance. Now they are again united in "Beyond Victory," which presents Miss Pitts as a circus knife thrower and Jimmie as the object of her affections and her daggers. The roles are said to be ideally suited to this pair of talented thespians.

In addition to Miss Pitts and Gleason the imposing cast of "Beyond Victory," which comes to Central Theatre to-morrow, includes such favourites as Bill Boyd, Marion Shilling, Lissi Arna, Fred Scott, Lew Cody, Russell Gleason, and a host of other players. The film seems destined to be one of the outstanding offerings of Pathe's programme for the current year.

#### "THE LADY REFUSES."

London the drab, the romantic, the capital of drama and fog, forms the interesting background of Radio Pictures' thrilling drama "The Lady Refuses," showing on Thursday at the Queen's.

Cameras and sound-recording machines have captured the atmosphere of Limehouse district, Chelsea, night clubs and those traditional points of story and song, Piccadilly, Bond Street and Leicester Square, in a graphic manner.

George Archambaud, who knows London as well as he knows his Paris and New York, directed. Wallace Smith, formerly a newspaper correspondent in London, wrote the adaptation and dialogue.

Miss Cornelia Sorabji, the first woman to become an attorney in India, says that Mahatma Gandhi is a publicised opportunist and that his reputation has been largely built up by advertising. She believes that India is not yet ready for outright independence.

## RADIO

### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:—

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.

5-5.30 p.m.—Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records. Variety. Orchestral—

Black Maria, Chinnin' and Chatten' with May, Bubber Mile and His Mileage Makers V-38146.

Vocal Quartet—

Beautiful, ... National Cavaliers Was It a Dream?

The Revellers 21516.

Hawaiian Guitars—

Honolulu March, ... Frank Ferera and John Pasulhi B2417.

Humorous Song—

The Bride's Lament, Jack is Every Inch a Sailor, Frank Crumit 21668.

Orchestral—

Do You Believe in Love at Sight? McKinney's Cotton Pickers 22811

5.30-7 p.m. (approx):

A Relay of "Bad Girl" from the King's Theatre by courtesy of the Management.

5.30-5.57 p.m.—Octets.

Memories of Chopin (arr. Willoughby).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet DX128.

Serenade in C Elgie (Tschalkowsky arr. Sear).

None But the Weary Heart. (Tschalkowsky arr. Willoughby).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet DX25.

Down Memory Lane (arr. Willoughby).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet DX267.

5.57-6.17 p.m.—Band Selections.

Second To None (Ord Home), El Albanico (Javeloyes), Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards 4069.

Triana (Lopez), The Voice of The Guns (Alford), Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards 3844.

Valse Creole (Tschalkowsky), Reg. Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards 9382.

6.17-7 p.m.—Operatic.

Organ Solo—Frederica—

O Maiden My Maiden (Lehar), Wayside Rose (Lehar), Quentin Maclean DB277.

Chorus—

La Gioconda—Festa e Pane Ponchielli,

Madam Butterfly—Humming Chorus (Puccini)

La Scala Chorus of Milan 4801.

Piano Solo—

Rosenkavalier—Fantasy on Love Themes. (Strauss arr. Grainger) ... Percy Grainger DB28.

Orchestral Madame Butterfly Selections (Puccini Arr Godfrey), New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra 9306.

Organ Solo—

Tales of Hoffman—Barcarolle (Offenbach),

Cavalleria Rusticana—Intermezzo (Mascagnini),

Terance Casey DB130.

Piano Solo—

Rigoletto Paraphrase (Verdi Arr. Lantz), Irene Scharrer DB76.

7-8 p.m.—Programme of Victor and H.M.V. Records.

7.5-7.45 p.m.—Selections by the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra.

Carneval Overture (Dvorak), 6868.

Fantastic Symphony—

March to the Scaffold (4th Movement) (Berlioz),

The Fire Dance (Manuel de Falla), 6869.

Islamey (Mili Balakirew), 6870.

The Sleeping Beauty—

Ballet Suite (Tschalkowsky), 6871/6872.

7.45-8 p.m.

The Children's Corner Suite (Debussy)—Doctor Gradus

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## SHADOWS BEFORE

### COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

#### Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant, and Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-morrow—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at King's Restaurant and Peninsula Repulse Bay Hotels.

#### Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Bad Girl."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "A Free Soul."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Lasca of Rio Grande."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "So This is Paradise" (Chinese picture).

To-day—Star Theatre: "Duke Steps Out."

To-day—Harmston's Circus, opposite Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Home Malls.

To-morrow—Inward from London (Agamemnon); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Tatsuta Maru), 8.30 a.m.

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Apparently, this rent-free idea has worked out very well in practice, for one luxury "tenement" after another has followed it. There are, of course, numbers of pleasant-mannered bankrupts and "hard-ups" whom it suits very well to live without worrying about little matters like the rent, even though they never know one night where they may sleep the next.

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ad Parnassum—Jumbo's Lullaby—Serenade for the Doll—The Snow is Dancing—The Little Shepherd—Golliwog's Cake-Walk.

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8 p.m.—Local Time.

8.3-11.30 p.m.—Relay from K. Shing Theatre.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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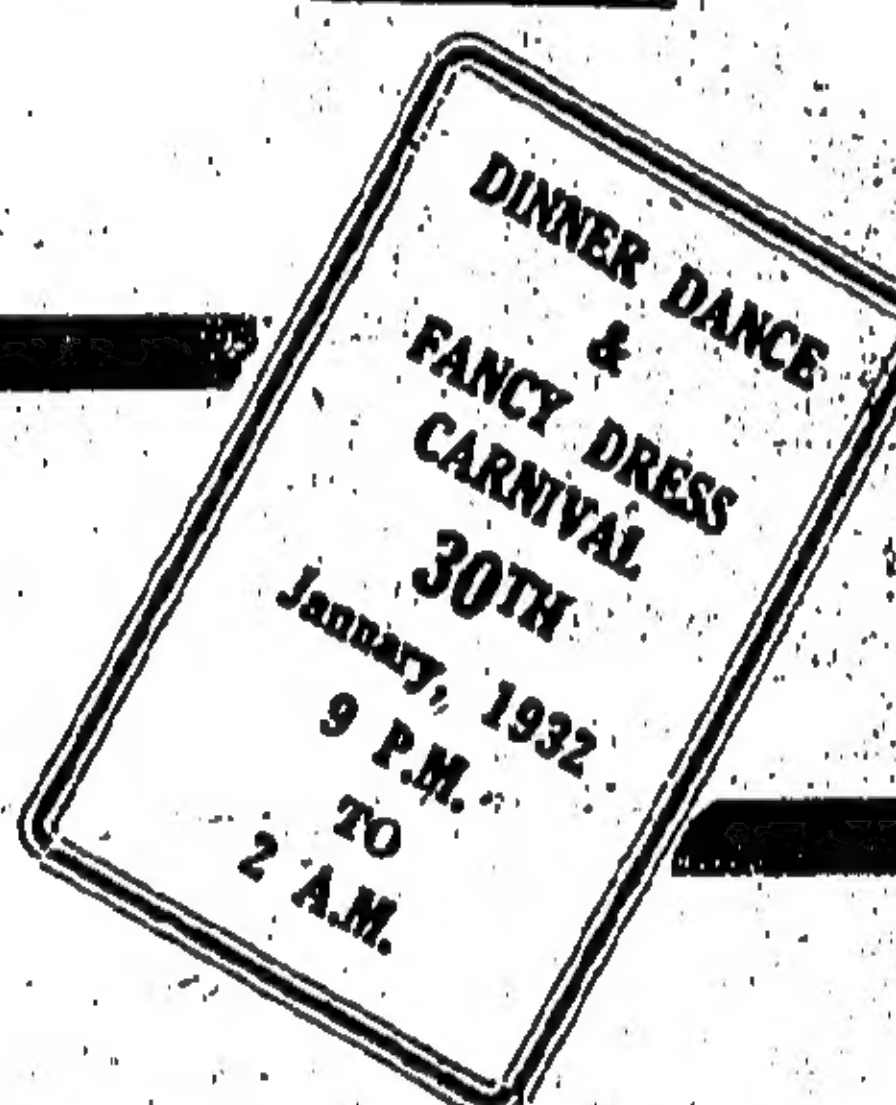
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and Incognitos.

RECREIO LOSE.

In the Mamak Shield tournament at Caroline Hill yesterday the Radio Sports Club defeated the St. Andrew's Club by a goal to nil in a very fast encounter. A goal-less first half was followed by another ding-dong struggle and it was not until the last quarter that Gurbachan Singh scored the winning point.

The Radio have claimed three points in their two fixtures with St. Andrew's, having drawn in the first encounter.

Sunday's Game.

On the Marina ground on Sunday the Radio Sports Club defeated the Incognitos by five goals to one in a very one-sided match. Though scoring first, through E. V. Reed from the bully-off, the Incognitos were thereafter seldom in the picture. Gurbachan Singh squashed, Kalwant Singh gave the Radio the lead and further goals by H. Singh (2) and Gurbachan Singh placed the issue beyond doubt.

Tournament Table to date.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Radio	7	5	0	2	13	3	12
Incognitos	7	3	2	2	18	10	8
C.B.A.	4	3	1	0	14	0	8
Police	5	2	2	1	5	6	6
St. Andrew's	5	2	2	1	3	6	6
R. Signals	5	2	3	0	8	4	4
R.A.S.C.	8	1	7	0	2	29	2

\* Forfeit 2 points to R.A.S.C. for breach of Rules.

C.B.A. Victory.

In a friendly hockey match, played on the home ground at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the Central British Association defeated the Club de Recreio by three goals to nil. W. G. Johnson netted in the first half, whilst T. S. D. Whitley and J. White scored in the second half. Both teams were not at full strength, but in spite of this handicap the game was played at a fast pace.

The Sim Shield.

The Sim Shield, which has already been won by the Hong Kong Hockey Club for the third year in succession, will be presented to the victorious captain to-morrow afternoon by Mrs. Huxford, wife of Capt. Huxford, Royal Artillery, captain of the Army team.

The presentation will be preceded by the return match between the Club and the Navy which is timed to commence at 4.30 p.m. on the R.N.O.S.C. ground at King's Park. The Hong Kong Hockey Club will be represented by the following players:—C. L. Gregory; W. Woodward, J. Rodger; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand, A. R. Botelho; H. Owen Hughes, D. B. Evans, C. C. Francis, E. V. Reed and E. C. Fincher.

KOWLOON THE HOME  
OF TENNIS.H.K.L.T.A. to Proceed  
with Negotiations.

The following resolutions were unanimously carried at the special general meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association held last night.

(1) That the Association should acquire and maintain a ground of its own in Kowloon on the site shown in the block plan.

(2) That if "1" above is passed the plan and estimates for a pavilion ground staff quarters and fencing be approved.

(3) That the Executive Committee be authorised to proceed with building a pavilion and quarters for the ground staff, fencing and levelling the ground, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$5,800.

(4) That the question of the turfing be left to the Executive Committee to decide, both as to the area to be turfed and the thickness and suitability of the turf required.

(5) That stands not being required immediately for Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association's purposes the building of stands be left to the future consideration of the Committee and temporary stands be erected when and where required.

(6) That the Executive Committee be authorised to borrow a sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of acquiring a site for a ground and building a pavilion and quarters for the ground staff.

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AUSTRALIA ENTER  
FOR DAVIS CUP.To Play in American  
Zone.

PROBABLE TEAM OF THREE.

(Reuter's Special Service.) Melbourne, Yesterday. The Australian Lawn Tennis Association has decided to challenge for the Davis Cup this year. Australia will play in the American Zone, but the final decision as to whether a team of three will be sent will be made after the third "Test" with Japan which commences on February 20.

CUP HOLDERS ARE  
DEFEATED.Wednesday Draw with  
Middlesborough.

LOW SCORING GAMES.

London, Yesterday. The following were the results of League matches played to-day:—

	First Division.	
Wednesday	1 Middlesbro'	1
Sheffield U.	1 West Brom.	0
	Second Division.	
Millwall	1 Bristol C.	0
Port Vale	1 Oldham A.	1

—Reuter.

## Our Sports Diary.

HOCKEY—To-day—Radio Sports v. University. To-morrow—Sim Shield—Club v. Navy at King's Park at 4.30 p.m.; Mamak Shield—R.A.S.C. v. St. Andrew's. Friday—Hong Kong Club "A" v. Borderers at King's Park at 5 p.m. HUNTING—To-morrow—Fanning Hounds meet at Hunt's Arms at 3.15 p.m. Sunday—Fanning Hunt Point-to-Point. CRICKET—Saturday—League I.—Indian R.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Craigengower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); Navy v. University (F.); League II.—University v. Recreio (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower C.C. (L.); R.A.S.C. v. Indian R.C. (F.).

FIFTH ROUND DRAW  
FOR F.A. CUP.Arsenal Will Have  
Stiff Hurdle.

London, Yesterday. The draw for the fifth round of the F.A. Cup, to be played on February 13, is:—

Bury	v. Sunderland or Stoke
Newcastle or Southport	v. Leicester
Wednesday	v. Chelsea
Watford	v. Bradford
Portsmouth or Aston Villa	v. Arsenal
Huddersfield	v. Preston N.E.
Manchester C.	v. Derby
Liverpool	v. Grimsby

—Reuter.

H.K.C.C. INTER CLUB  
CRICKET GAME.

Saturday's Match.

The following teams have been selected to play in the Over Thirty v. Under Thirty Match at 2 p.m. on the Club ground on Saturday:—Over Thirty:—H. R. B. Hancock (captain), E. R. Duckitt, R. K. Hepburn, H. Owen Hughes, Capt. G. E. Mirehouse, E. J. R. Mitchell, Capt. R. G. Moir, R. S. W. Paterson, T. E. Pearce, A. Reid, and J. R. Way. Under Thirty:—A. C. Beck (captain), J. Barrow, R. P. Edwards, F. A. M. Elliott, W. D. Folley, L. D. Kilbee, E. W. J. Plummer, J. E. Richardson, W. Stoker, E. R. West, and R. M. Wood.

The match will be played on the Club ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The ground is in excellent condition and the weather is expected to be fine.

CANTON WIN VERY  
CONVINCINGLYAdvantage of Clay  
Courts' Play.

AND DAVIS CUP RULINGS.

The following were the full results of the Interport Lawn Tennis match between Hong Kong and Canton played over the week-end, Canton gaining a decisive victory on their own courts by four matches to one:—

G. Bodiker (Canton) beat E. C. Fincher (Hong Kong) 7-5, 9-7, 6-3. Leung Tak-kwang (Canton) beat E. C. Fincher (Hong Kong) 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2. Leung Tak-kwang (Canton) beat M. W. Lo (Hong Kong) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. G. Bodiker (Canton) beat M. W. Lo (Hong Kong) by three sets to one after losing the first set. S. H. and H. D. Rumjahn (Hong Kong) beat Wong Po-keung and Ma Chi-huen (Canton) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. An interesting feature of the series was the use of Spalding balls which were highly praised by all participating.

R.H.K.G.C. JUNIOR  
CHAMPIONSHIP.Full Results of the  
First Round.

THE GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.

The following are the results of the first round of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:—

S. T. Butlin beat Lt. Comdr. Weeks 1 up. D. S. Edward beat C. H. Burton 1 up. R. E. Tottenham beat A. Ritchie 4 and 3. C. E. Sandstrom beat A. O. Brown at 20th. A. D. Humphreys beat Comdr. Priestley 4 and 3. C. B. Robertson beat T. C. Monaghan 3 and 2. E. des Voeux beat M. N. Cochrane 3 and 1. R. M. Henderson received a walk over from G. E. R. Divett.

In the semi-final of the Governor's Shield P.W.D. (A. E. Lissaman and J. G. Campbell) beat Davie Boag & Co. (N. M. Currie and W. A. Stewart) 5 and 4; while Royal Naval Yard (W. C. Shields and W. G. Trice) beat Dodwell & Co. (L. G. S. Dodwell and A. C. I. Bowker) 6 and 5.

In the G. M. Young Cup B. & S. will play Dodwell & Co. in the final, on Sunday, January 31.

BRUCE'S L. WHALER  
TRIUMPHS.Trophy for Service  
Boats.

The second race for the R.H.K.Y.C. Trophy for Service boats was sailed yesterday, the course being:—

Lyamun Beacon (P), Ramsey Shoal (P), Mark Boat on Line (P), Channel Rocks (S), a distance of 9 miles. The race resulted as follows:—

1. Bruce's L. Whaler 40  
2. Wishart's K. Whaler 37.5  
3. Medway's 1st Whaler 32.9  
4. Berwick's 2nd Whaler 32.5  
5. Barnes' Cutter 29.7  
6. Bruce's K. Whaler 27.1  
7. Cumberland's 1st Cutter 24.9  
8. Verity's Whaler 21.9  
9. Marston's 2nd Whaler 19.3  
10. Cumberland's 2nd Whaler 18.7  
11. Berwick's 1st Whaler 14.1  
12. Hermes' Glig 11.5  
13. Medway's 2nd Whaler 10.9  
14. Cumberland's 1st Whaler 6.3  
15. Cumberland's Glig 3.7  
16. Marston's 1st Whaler 1.0

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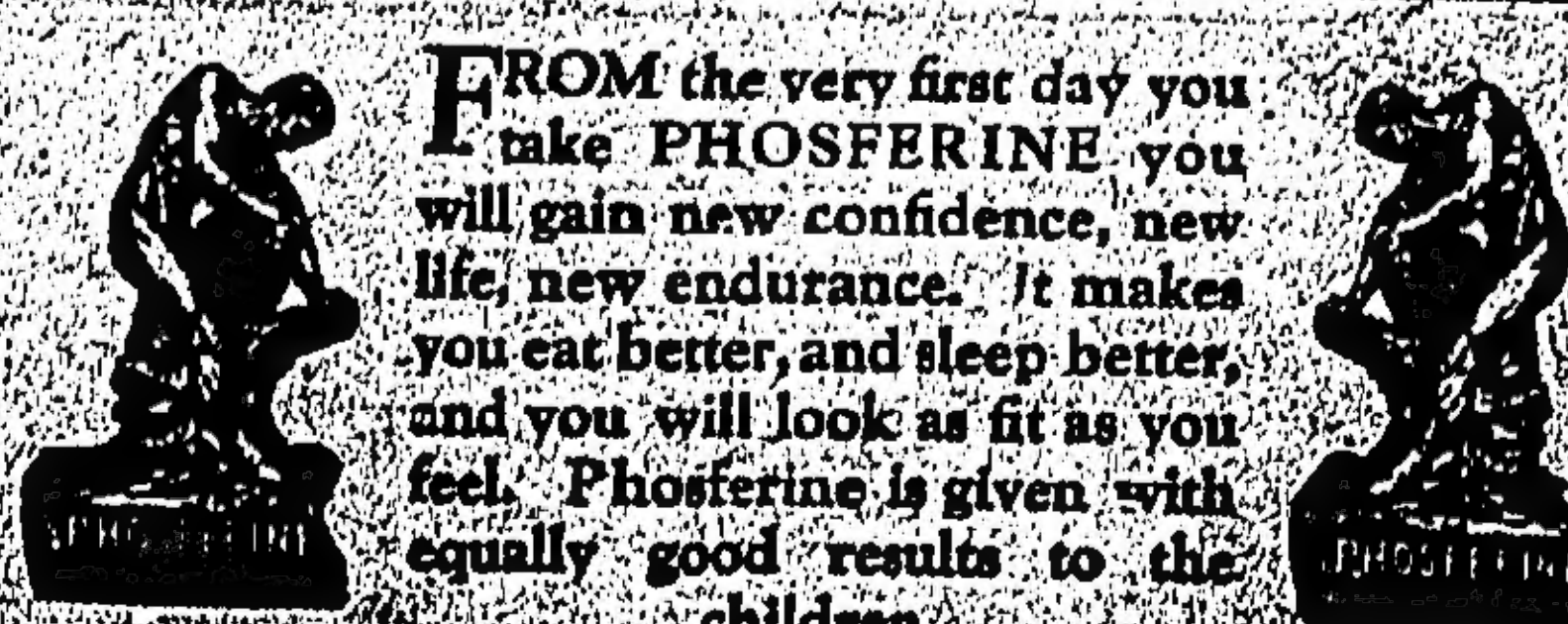
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## LITTLE IS BENEFICIAL.

[By M. A. Noble.]  
Very few men drink for the sake of drinking. It is the good-fellowship it engenders which appeals to them. The man who cannot say no, should never touch it. I doubt if five per cent. of the population become miscreants in their cups and make fools of themselves.

They tell me that Lady Astor is a teetotaler. Good luck to her. Perhaps she was mis-reported, if not, her Ladyship scarcely played the game when she attributed the defeat of her countrymen in the fight for the cricket ashes to the abstinence of their opponents, for the inference, unintentional no doubt, but nevertheless unfortunately apparent, was, that at least some of England's Test team were perhaps less moderate than was expected of them.

There is an old saying, popular with temperance advocates, which states: "Wine exhilarates, whisky stimulates and beer debases."

Even so, there is no earthly reason for rabid abstainers to assume that the casual or moderate consumer of alcoholic beverages is in any way inferior to them physically, mentally or morally.

Nature has so constituted us that two men are alike. One man's meat is another's poison. According to some people, most of us have been impregnated with Mr. Moneybags' poisonous doctrines, which can be only neutralised by a strong injection of an equally potent antidote. Bolshevism class hatred.

## Trumpet's Nose.

Those of us who are not extremists believe that both points of view are entirely wrong, and mischievous, and that a combination of commonsense and sweet reasonableness brings us much closer to the ideal condition of affairs.

No one suspects a man with a nose like an over-ripe tomato of being a cricketer, neither does one expect a cricketer to be a chronic alcoholic. They don't fit in the piece. When Victor Trumper saw a man with a "blossom," he would humorously chant the chorus of that old song, "God Old Raspberry. You Have a Boko big enough for Three." But possibly Victor, being a staunch teetotaler, and after falling with the but was himself accused of being well sozzled the night before, was somewhat unsympathetic and forgot George Lurie's reply in The County Girl— "That's Indigestion."

It may be a regrettable fact that some cricketers were extremists in that regard, and fell by the wayside. It is also a fact that thousands of men have been just as great, and have retained their skill as long in the sporting arena as

CONTINENTAL  
STOCK EXCHANGES.Important Scheme  
Afoot.

## PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU.

Brussels, Yesterday.  
An important step to stabilise share prices and promote mobility of capital was taken to-day at a meeting of representatives of the stock exchanges of Germany, France, Holland, Spain and Switzerland.

It was decided to link up the several stock exchanges by the formation of an International Bureau for Public Security to be under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce.

their comrades, who were total abstainers.  
But lest any reader may imagine from the foregoing that I am an advocate of the use or abuse of alcohol as a general aid to efficiency on the cricket field, I hasten to say that nothing could be further away from my thoughts.

## Wet and Dry.

Personally, I deprecate its use for that purpose, but believe, that when muscles are tired and the brain is weary a little stimulant is permissible and beneficial. Its use before or during a long innings is unnecessary. It is similar, though not on all fours with doping a horse before a race, or a greyhound for the chase, although it has not such serious after effects on the human system. A batsman who is worth his salt does not need Dutch courage to face his ordeal. Teetotal or dry bowlers do not find a stimulant at all necessary and are just as good as those who occasionally have a spot. His wet comrade, on the other hand, believes that it does him good and the violent exercise he takes burns out of his system whatever deleterious ingredients there may be in his refreshment. The old Adam is very strong in all of us, though it manifests itself in various forms and degrees. Everyone is weak in some regard. We wisely refrain from proclaiming it from the house-tops. We do not seek praise for our virtues. For our vices, perhaps, we are not wholly to blame. We must, however, make an effort to conquer them and work out our own destiny.

It is not cricket to kick a man when he is down. May I be permitted to quote a maxim from my book, "The Game's the Thing." Never take alcohol before going in to bat. Its stimulating effect is of very temporary character, and there is a reaction after a few minutes that leaves you less able to face your ordeal. A little stimulant of some kind during the game to a hard-worked bowler who is tired and weary may buck him up, or a little may be taken after the game is over for the day. But, remember, a little is good, whilst a lot is not only unnecessary, but foolish.

FIRE BRIGADE HAVE  
BUSY TIME.Two Outbreaks and a  
False Alarm!

## JOSS PAPER AGAIN.

Another outbreak of fire (to be added to the already formidable list of such occurrences this year) occurred at 3.20 o'clock this morning on the ground floor of 17, Gage Street, occupied by the Cheung Yee Kee, firm of joss stick and lantern makers. The damage done is estimated at present to be over \$5,000. The premises are covered by insurance.

Four engines, under Mr. J. C. Fitzhenry and Sub-Officer Woolford, responded to the call from Central Fire Station and on arrival at the scene, soon got the conflagration in hand, extinguishing the flames within two hours. The ground floor was completely destroyed by fire and water, whilst the first floor suffered little damage. No one was injured, all the inmates being fortunate enough to escape early.

At 8.30 last night, fire engines, on receipt of a call from Wanchai, proceeded to the Nanyang Tobacco Factory, Happy Valley. On arrival it was found that the wiring of an electric motor had become ignited. No damage was done and the fire was soon quelled.

An hour and a half earlier to this, the Fire Brigade were summoned to an outbreak at a house in Wellington Street. On arrival it was found to be a false alarm, in that only a quantity of wood shavings had caught alight in the yard!

## NEW SOLICITOR.

Mr. P. H. Kwok  
Enrolled To-day.

## BROTHER OF MR. F. H. KWOK

A new solicitor and proctor in the person of Mr. Peter Hing-kai Kwok, a brother of Mr. F. H. Kwok, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court by the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.) this morning.

The motion for Mr. Kwok's enrolment was made by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., Attorney-General, who said that all the rules had been complied with and Mr. Kwok had fled certificates of character from Mr. Ernest A. Davidson and Mr. C. H. P. Betenson, solicitors of London.

His Lordship said that he had much pleasure in admitting Mr. Kwok to practise here and hoped that he would have a successful career.

Mr. Kwok, who is joining the local law firm of Messrs. T'so and Hodgson, was formerly of 42, Oakhill Road, London, S.W., and was articled to Mr. Ernest A. Davidson of Messrs. Gard Lyell & Co., of 47, Gresham Street, London, E.C.2. He passed his final examination in March 1931 and was admitted in June at the Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Sourabaya on account of plague.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Akbar on the birth of a son last night, mother and child doing well. Mr. Akbar is the genial clerk of the Puina Judge.

The troopship Lancashire is due to arrive here to-morrow and will tie up at the No. 1 wharf at Kowloon. She has on board details for the various units of the Garrison, and the Lincolnshire Regiment for Shanghai.

## SCHOOL PRIZES

(Continued from Page 1.)

and staff continued to be satisfactory.  
Last but not the least I wish to thank my colleagues for their loyal co-operation in undertaking the pressing work of last year, and thank our prize donors for their interest taken in this school.

## PRIZE LIST.

Normal Certificates:—1, Wong Chong-hung; 2, Leung Kwok-pun; 3, Loh King-lun; 4, Mok Kin-po; 5, Chan Tak-wai.

Class Prizes.  
M. IV.—1st, Loh So-lun; and 1st, Li Wai-cheung (1st Term).  
M. III.—1st, Wai Po-yam; 2nd, Loh King-lun; 3rd, Kwok Chi-ho; and 1st, Wai Po-yam (1st Term).  
M. II.—1st, Tso Chung-chiu; 2nd, Yu Yik-woon; 3rd, Tso Ching-san; and 1st, Tso Chung-chiu (1st Term).  
M. I.—1st, Ng Sik-hung; 2nd, Wong Nai-tsun; 3rd, Chan Tak-wai; and 1st, Chan Yik-on (1st Term).

N. 2.—1st, Wong Chong-hung; 2nd, Leung Kwok-pun; 3rd, Loh King-lun; and 1st, Wong Chong-hung (1st Term).  
N. 1.—1st, Tso Chung-chiu; 2nd, Pun Man-fai; 3rd, Ho Chai-yin; and 1st, Tso Chung-chiu (1st Term).  
H.P. 3.—1st, Kwan Shiu-kin; 2nd, Li Yin-ki; 3rd, Ng Fat-yun; and 1st, Kwan Shiu-kin (1st Term).  
H.P. 2.—1st, Chung Yuet-ming; 2nd, Lo Ping-keung; 3rd, Lai Kwok-on; and 1st, Chung Yuet-ming (1st Term).

H.P. 1.—1st, Tung Wan-tat; 2nd, Kwok Kai-tai; 3rd, Wan Tin-hung; and 1st, Tung Wan-tat (1st Term).  
H.P. 1A.—1st, Wai Po-kwai; 2nd, Tsang Ki-tai; 3rd, Wong Kai-tung; and 1st, Tsang Ki-tai (1st Term).  
H.P. 1B.—1st, Yeung Shiu-shing; 2nd, Loh Wang-yuen; 3rd, Lam Yau-ming; and 1st, Chan Ching-to (1st Term).

Subject Prizes.  
Normal 2.—Leung Kwok-pun (Normal Subject) and Wong Chong-hung (Science and Chinese).  
Normal 1.—Yung Mau-chung (Normal Subject); Pun Man-fai (Science); and Ho Chai-yin (Chinese).

Mid. 3.—Lai King-tung (English); and Wai Po-yam (Chinese and Mathematics).  
Mid. 2.—Tso Chung-chiu (English); and Yu Yik-woon (Chinese).  
Mid. 1.—Ng Sik-hung (English); and Wong Nai-tsun (Chinese).  
H.P. 3.—Kwan Shiu-kin (English); and Ho Chan-yu (Chinese).  
H.P. 2A.—Lai Chik-sum (English); and Yu Suk-yu (Chinese).  
H.P. 2B.—Tung Wan-tat (English); and Kwok Kai-tai (Chinese).  
H.P. 1A.—Wai Po-kwai (English); and Wong Kai-tung (Chinese).  
H.P. 1B.—Hui Yin-chi (English); and Yeung Shiu Lin (Chinese).

Fighting prizes for whole school:—1st, Chan Kam-chi; and 2nd, Wong Nai-tsun.

Fung Ping-shan Scholarships:—1, Loh So-lun; 2, Wai Po-yam; 3, Tso Chung-chiu; 4, Ng Sik-hung; 5, Cheung Chung-wing; and 6, Fok Tai-chi.

Inter-Class Sports Prizes.  
Ship-Won by Class M. 1 (Wai Chai-yun and Chan Wing-kun).

## Ellis Kadoorie.

PROSPEROUS YEAR  
COMPLETED.

The annual prize distribution took place at the Ellis Kadoorie School, this morning. Present, on the platform were, Mr. A. T. Hamilton, head master, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. O. Bird, Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.B.E., Mr. A. R. Sutherland, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Mr. F. J. de Rome, and Mr. W. Kay.

After reading the annual report, Mr. Hamilton called upon Mrs. Bird to present the prizes. In thanking the head master for the honour and kindness in asking his wife to come to present the prize, Mr. Bird congratulated him upon the successful report and the prosperous year which the school had completed, and wished them many more years of prosperity. Mr. de Martin then addressed the students in a short speech.

The annual report read by Mr. Hamilton appears below:—

I have much pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of this School for the year ending December 31, 1931. During the year the school was open on 229 days. Our maximum enrolment was 450 and

our average attendance 401.  
The discipline was good throughout the year and the boys seem to be particularly healthy there being only a few cases of minor ailments.

At the beginning of the year I took over from Mr. Kay who went home on leave. Miss Newsholme and Mr. Evans also went on leave and their places were filled by Mrs. Stubbings and Mr. Lo Chi-chiu.

The work of the school has been carried on very much the same as in past year. The foundations laid by Mr. R. E. O. Bird who was head master here for 10 years and Mr. de Rome who had a reign of 5 years, left very little scope for innovations. Geometry and Algebra were added to Class 4 syllabus at the beginning of the year and should prove a valuable introduction to the work in Class 5.

The Educational periodicals are of great value and exceedingly popular. Many of the pictures and charts in our History and Geography Rooms are taken from these papers and form excellent subjects for Colloquial and Conversational Lessons.

The Examination results have been satisfactory. In December 80 per cent. of Class 4 boys passed into Queen's College and King's College. In the other classes the percentage was 96.

In Chinese out of 381 boys examined there were only 3 failures, and 33 boys gained over 90 per cent. of marks.

During the year we received visits from the Director of Education and the Inspectors of English Schools. Mr. de Martin on the occasion of one of his visits went to every class in the school and reported favourably on the behaviour and diligence of the boys.

Another frequent visitor now is Mrs. Minnett, Medical Officer for Schools. A Clinic was started here in September and the Medical Officer or her assistant is in attendance twice a week.

In the matter of scholarships and prizes we are particularly fortunate. 29 boys have won scholarships and 78 prizes have been awarded.

Our Troop of Boy Scouts is most enthusiastic although the numbers are rather small. Mr. Lo Chi-chiu and Mr. Leung Kim-shu devote much of their spare time to this branch of the school activities and their efforts are worthy of greater results.

We have with us this morning Mr. and Mrs. R. E. O. Bird. Most of the staff will remember them, but I am sure you boys are wondering who they are. Mr. Bird was head master here for nearly 10 years and went home on retirement 7 years ago. Mrs. Bird had a long connection with Bellio's Public School. It is not given to many schools to be in the fortunate position of having the wife of a retired head master grace the proceedings with her presence and give away the prizes to the successful students. On behalf of the Staff and the whole school I wish to thank Mrs. Bird for doing us this very great honour.

Scholarships, 1931.  
Full Free Scholarships to Queen's College:—Li Hon-wa, Sze To-fook, Cheung Man-pui, Ng Kam-hing, Abdullah Mustaf, Lau Chu-pak Scholarship. (1st Instalment)—Yu Hing-wan.

Tai Yau Scholarship (1st Instalment)—Yau Pak-fai.

Tai Yau Scholarship (2nd Instalment)—Chan King-hong.

Wu Hay Tong Scholarships:—Class 4, Kwok Kam-mok; Class 5, Chan Kam-hung and Lo Wai-hung; Class 6, Chau Yun-pui, and Man Shun-ye; Class 7, Ko Tsok-hang and Wong Lai-sang; Class 8, Lui Tsan-cheung and Lau Yan-cheuk.

Mrs. Lau Chu-pak Scholarships:—Kung Ping-hong, Wong Yan-chow.

Ho Kam-tong Scholarships:—Senior, Ip King-chung; Intermediate, Tung Kim-sang; Junior, Li Wai-san.

Chan Kai-ming Scholarships:—Senior, Chau Hak-ming; Junior, Yu Tsan-shau.

Government Scholarships:—Class 5 to Class 4, Tse Ki-chit; Class 6 to Class 5, Ko Tsok-yam; Class 7 to Class 6, Li Chan-wing; Class 8 to Class 7, Kwok Kai-chiu.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie Prizes.  
Class 4:—1st, Cheung Man-pui; 2nd, Kwok Kam-mok; 3rd, Ng Kam-hing.

Class 5:—1st, Chan Kam-hung; 2nd, Tse Ki-chit; 3rd, Chau Ki-ming.

Class 6:—1st, Ko Tsok-yam; 2nd, Yu Tsan-shau; 3rd, Man Shun-ye.

Class 7:—1st, Li Chan-wing; 2nd, Wong Cham; 3rd, Un Tung-tsang.

Class 8:—1st, Lam Yeung-kwai; 2nd, Leung Tat-kau, Yuen Choi-yik and Leung Ming-fai.

English Class Prizes.  
Class 7A:—1st, Wong Man-wai; 2nd, Li Ping-shing.

Class 7B:—1st, Wong Cham; 2nd, Chan Shiu-chung.

Class 7C:—1st, To Kam-man; 2nd, Ip Ming-yan.

Class 7D:—1st, Tung Chi-lam; 2nd, Wan Cho-kwong.

Class 8A:—1st, Leung Ming-fai; 2nd, Kam King-wan.

Class 8B:—1st, Leung Tat-kau; 2nd, Lui Huen-pak.

Class 8C:—1st, Lam Yeung-kwai; 2nd, Lai Siu-tong.

Class 8D:—1st, Lai Kam-moon; 2nd, Chu Wai-lam.

Class 4A:—1st, Tso Shau-ling; 2nd, Yu Chi-fong.

Class 4B:—1st, Tung Chun-man; 2nd, Wong Siu-to.

Class 5A:—1st, Chan Ki-ming; 2nd, Fok Koon-yag.

Class 5B:—1st, Li Kui-ning; 2nd, Hui Shun-ki.

Class 5C:—1st, Li Tim-kai; 2nd, Ip Chi-sang.

Class 6A:—1st, Shum Wing-mong; 2nd, Lam So.

Class 6B:—1st, Ip Yun-fat; 2nd, Fung Hui-sang.

Class 6C:—1st, Ho Mei-chim; 2nd, Wong Ho-sun.

Special Prizes.  
4A. Sze To-fook (Head Prefect's Prize), 4A. Li Hon-wa (never been absent since 1928), 4B. Wong Siu-to (never been absent since 1927).

Special Prizes presented by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. O. Bird for English Conversation:—4A. Abdullah Mustaf, 5A. Chau Hak-ming.

Chinese Class Prizes.  
Class 4:—1st, Chan Hing-fong; 2nd, Yau Pak-fai; 3rd, Ng Kam-hing.

Class 5:—1st, Tse Ki-chit; 2nd, Cheung King-ye; 3rd, Lo Kwai-hung.

Class 6:—1st, Chau Yun-pui; 2nd, Ma Sun-kup; 3rd, Wong Yan-chow.

Class 7:—1st, Kwong Lai-chuen; 2nd, Li Chan-wing; 3rd, Wong Cham.

Class 8:—1st, Chui Chung-kwong; 2nd, Yu Ho-chuen; 3rd, Shum Fai.

Prefects Medals, 1932.  
Head Prefect:—4A. Tse Ki-chit.

Prefect:—4A. Chan Dun-yin, Fok Koon-ying, Lo Kwai-hung, Chau Hak-ming, Chan Kam-hung, Chan Ki-ming, Pun Lu-po.

Prefect:—4B. Ho Ming-foon, Chu Yu-fai, Lam Yee-fook, Lam Chung.

to, Wong Chok-kwan, Chan Yu-kee. Ping Pong Competition—1931.

Senior Division:—Champion, Chau Ki-ming 5A; Runner-up, Mak Tak-wing 4A; Semi-Finalists, Kwok Pau-hing 4B; Lau Luk-cheuk 4A.

Junior Division:—Champion, Chan Chun-foo 7D; Runner-up, Chung Yu-tak 7C; Semi-Finalists, Lam Cheuk-cho 7A; Shum Wing 8A.

## French Convent.

## DESERVED TRIBUTES.

On Saturday, the prizes of the above institution were distributed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop H. Valtorta when the following programme was performed by the students:—Grand March (Piano)—Schubert.

Chant de Fete.  
Compliments Chinoises.  
Night! Night! (Infants' Song).  
Les 2 Lourdes pour tire (Saxophone).  
La Marche des Flambeaux (Violin & Piano).

The Irish Jig.  
Les 3 Lapsins.  
The Highland Fling.  
Short Speech.

Distribution of Prizes.  
God Save the King.

Those who took part in the performance, numbering about 50, were tiny tots from four or five years of age to girls of about 16. Barring a little stage fright on the part of a few little ones, the whole programme was carried through with marked success and every item was received with loud applause. Miss Strickland was at the piano and seated beside her was the head mistress of the School, Sister Beatrice, who personally played the "Irish Jig" and the "Highland Fling." The music was splendid.

The occasion was heartened by the birthday of the Superioress of the Institution, Mother Paul, falling on the same auspicious day. It is due to her able administration that the French Convent School has up to the present maintained its good reputation. It may well be classed as one of the best educational institutions not only in the Colony but East of Suez.

After an eloquent speech by Father Byrne congratulating Mother Paul and eulogising the high efficiency of the School, Bishop Valtorta spoke in similar strain and expressed his delight at being invited to distribute the prizes.

When the function was over it made one feel, writes a correspondent, how much benefit the students of the French Convent School is receiving from the able Sisters. At this juncture it is only just to give credit to whom it is due. Much of the success manifested by the girl students—judging by the numerous certificate and prize winners—is due to Sister Beatrice, the head mistress, whose capabilities as an efficient teacher can well be imagined by the fact that she succeeded in training fifty young girls to carry out the above programme within three weeks, as the School re-opened after the Christmas holidays on January 8, and everything was well done.

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## The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1932.

## Currency Systems.

Austria, at the present moment, is undergoing a struggle in order to maintain the stability of its currency. The schilling, which remained stable ever since its first establishment, and which had gained the honorary title of "Alpine Dollar," has dropped from its height within the last few weeks to judge from the quotations of various foreign stock exchanges. In Austria itself, the schilling has hitherto been able, however, to maintain its value.

The President of the Austrian National Bank, Dr. Richard Reisch, received a correspondent of the Uta Press Service recently and in a prolonged interview made some notable statements in the course of which he developed the idea that the maintenance of the stability of the Austrian currency was a matter of international interest. President Dr. Richard Reisch emphasised the importance of this fact and explained that recently a good deal has been said about the alleged unfavourable rate of exchange of the Austrian schilling abroad. In reply to these rumours he pointed out that no regular trade in schillings exists abroad as long as Austria maintains the control of foreign means of payment in Vienna. Foreign transactions in schillings are of a quite negligible extent and the prices obtained depend on chance. It would be a great mistake to consider these prices as the correct expression of the value of the Austrian schilling; the far greater part of the exchange transactions between schillings and foreign currencies takes place in Vienna at the rates fixed by the Austrian National Bank, and these rates are certainly entitled to be considered as the proper rates of exchange. The irregular price formation on the gold and foreign currency market is a result of the existing trade restrictions due in their turn to the general distrust which the nations have born against each other. This lack of confidence is partly a

plained by the many disappointments experienced by economists within the last few weeks, for even the American dollar has been "discussed" while the pound sterling has — at least temporarily — been reduced to a paper currency and what the French would term "declassé." While the British public endures this fact calmly, the scared Austrian population, remembering the big inflation of the years 1921-22, attributes too great importance to the alleged drop of the schilling. On the other hand, it is regrettable that there is a lack of solidarity among the European nations regarding the defence against threats to their currencies, which solidarity would necessarily result if a better understanding of the international importance of the maintenance of undisturbed currency systems existed.

The currency system of a country in our days of worldwide economic connections has long ceased to be a purely national affair, but penetrates far beyond the frontiers into the commerce and trade of the other States. One should bear this in mind. As yet the schilling is not really depreciated and still possesses the same purchasing power as formerly. Moreover, Austria is in a position to act as buyer on the world commodity market.

If the percentage of cover of the schilling has dropped, the short-term foreign liabilities have also been reduced; if circulation has slightly increased, this fact is offset by that of the increased transformation of savings into hoardings. It is here that a change should be operated. The people who save must find their way back to the banks. Every credit renounced threatens a credit-receiver for under the present circumstances he cannot procure a credit elsewhere nor float it. And the person who saves money will hardly benefit by extreme caution for if the collapse of the credit system and the currency, which he fears, should ever materialise, the consequences of such events would be so tremendous that they would affect the cautious man in his new and imaginary security just as much as others. The renunciation of credits and the

flight from one's own currency are similar to suicide committed in the year of death; moreover, they constitute a danger by including the economic existence of co-citizens and of the whole State in the general disaster.

Economics, and the systems of credit and currency of Austria, as in many other countries, are passing through a critical stage, but this crisis can be overcome by a true consciousness of responsibilities and discipline among the population. That this should happen is not merely a purely Austrian affair, but is also of international interest, for the same dangers due to the same causes also threaten the system of economics, of credits and currencies of many other countries. The causes of the world crisis must, therefore, be remedied by a reconstruction of these abuses, i.e., by the consolidation of credits. The chances of improving the economic crisis lie not so much in renouncing and withdrawing short-term credits, but rather in the transformation of these credits into long-term credits. Therefore the obvious and comparatively easily attainable solution of the problem would be the general "standstill" or, in other words, a truce, force majeure, between creditors and debtors.

## From Other Pens.

## The Black Republic.

Conditions in Liberia seem to have improved little if at all since the report of the International Commission of Inquiry last year and the protest from the American Government. The President and Vice President of the Republic resigned, but the expected improvement has not been brought about by the new Administration. The government of the country is carried on by some fifteen or twenty thousand negroes, mostly immigrants or descendants of immigrants from America. They live along the coast. The hinterland is inhabited by native tribes for whom they have done nothing. The country has considerable economic possibilities, but for its development, and for the establishment of a settled order, capital resources are required which the impoverished Government cannot command. Its financial position is in fact peculiar. In 1927 the Firestone rubber interests, a big American concern, obtained a concession of a million acres and lent the Government five million dollars on condition that no other loan should be accepted for twenty years. However unwisely the money may have been spent, the Liberian Government is still bound by this agreement. The slump in rubber prices has led the American company to cease planting on its concession. The Government, therefore, has little control over the hinterland or the southern coast and no resources to establish control. It may have been remiss in failing to restrain its half-organised "frontier forces" from making raids and perpetrating atrocities on the native tribes; but even had its intentions been good it is difficult to see how it could have effectively put down private traffic in forced labour or slaves, much less the inextricable custom of "pawning" servants in return for loans. The problem, therefore, which will come before the Council of the League of Nations in January will be a peculiarly awkward one. The oppressed tribes are on the verge of insurrection. Their grievances command sympathy. But if they are to be righted without bloodshed some means must be found for establishing a regime in Liberia which is not only free from corruption but will have at least sufficient resources to command authority and enforce justice. Manchester Guardian.

## Personal Pars.

Mr. Myron E. Brink, President of the Philippine Petroleum Co., is en route to Manila on the President McKinley, accompanied by Mr. Brink and two sons. Mr. Leonard N. Green, United States Consul, who is being transferred from Manila to Batavia, arrived here by the S.S. President McKinley.

## News in Brief.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended January 9 amounted to 111,499 metric tons, and the sales to 104,599 metric tons.

Sentence of five months' hard labour in all was imposed on a Chinese this morning, for the theft of a long coat from a foki at a paper shop in Wellington Street.

The corpse of Wing Tin, (30), employed as engineer on an A.P.C. lighter, who was reported as missing on January 19, was found by the Water Police floating in the harbour yesterday.

Mr. F. E. Filmer was summoned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Magistracy this morning, for having driven a motor van along Kennedy Road without a permit. He pleaded guilty, and was fined \$10.

A Chinese, charged with possession of wine on which duty had not been paid, was fined \$50; and a Chinese woman, who pleaded ignorance, but who had concealed tobacco in some clothing, was also similarly fined.

A Chinese banishes, who pleaded guilty, this morning was sentenced to ten months' hard labour. Inspector Vincent said that defendant was deported to Shumchun on Saturday and returned the very next day!

With reference to a report of armed robbery at Tai-O made on January 12 on board a boat, owned by Wong Lai-choi, the cargo boat that was stolen by three men who attacked Wong's vessel off Castle Peak, has been recovered. It is valued at \$50.

Whilst engaged in cleaning a window in the residence of the late Professor C. Y. Wang, a youth, Wong Man-ki, aged 15 years, living at the boy's quarters at Lugard Hall, accidentally fell to the yard below. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for attention.

A Chinese was fined \$10 this morning when he admitted having assaulted his brother, who is a tramcar driver. Complainant accused his brother of having stolen clothing and paraded them. The defendant, it is alleged, produced a file, and thrust it into his brother's thigh. The complainant was sent to hospital, for treatment.

Elsewhere we give from official sources a review of "Bad Girl" now showing at the King's Theatre. Yet again the cinema public has been furnished with a surprise inasmuch as all the preliminary (and official) comments in the film are not one whole exaggerated save for the title—for the heroine is no bad girl—the picture is one of real human interest abounding in heart throbs and relieved by deft touches of humour that lift it out of the common rut. The minor as well as the principal characters give a great performance of a great film that should not be missed by bachelors or Benedicks of both sexes. One of the best Fox productions witnessed for many months!

## FINE TRIBUTE.

## Governor at Yeung Wo Hospital.

Yesterday morning His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, paid visit to the Yeung Wo Hospital at Happy Valley. His Excellency made a thorough inspection of the buildings with Dr. Li Shu-fan, M.B., F.R.C.S., Chairman of Directors of the Hospital, accompanied by Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, D.M.S.S., and the other Directors including Dr. C. Wong, Dr. Chau Wal-cheung, Dr. Ma Luk, Dr. C. H. Wan, and Mr. Li Shu-pui. His Excellency expressed satisfaction with the manner in which the Hospital is managed. In the visitors book Sir William wrote that he was greatly impressed by the efficiency, brightness and equipment of the Hospital which is obviously splendidly managed. It is one of the most attractive hospitals that I have seen in the Colony and I am sure that the excellent work of the staff will continue to attract more patients.

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS OPENS.

## Packed Tent in Kowloon.

## A FINE PERFORMANCE.

Harmston's Circus, the most famous touring troupe in the East, opened its season in Kowloon, at the junction of Salisbury Road and Nathan Road, last night, the huge tent being packed. The audience enjoyed a most attractive and entertaining programme, and Mr. Harmston, the proprietor, is to be heartily congratulated on the excellent performance.

"Dare Devil" Moscovitch delighted the crowd with his "leap for life," the act being one packed with thrills, in which the skilled performer speeded up a steep ramp, hurtling into the air on a high-powered motor cycle. Miss Williams furnished trick riding in approved style, whilst J. Williams received much applause for his turns as the "Bounding Jockey."

Delroy, assisted by Chocolate, the clown, was responsible for excellent juggling, whilst the Palomas family, a clever quartette of acrobats, pleased with an exhibition of strength.

The second half of the programme began with trick cycling executed by Delroy, Kitty, Millie and Charlie, after which Mr. W. Harmston took charge in the ring of the eight Australia horses, Silver and the elephants. The animals performed many clever and intricate tricks. Wire jumping by Miss Palomar was well received, whilst the Dental Act Extraordinary by the Two Moscovitchs, brought forth prolonged applause. Clown Billie also furnished fun with his introduction of Jumbo. As a finale, A. Turkey introduced members of the menagerie, including lions, tigers, and a leopard.

The overtures were supplied by the circus band, under the batonship of Mr. A. M. Ross.

## WHAT A MAN EATS.

## Seven Hundred Times His Own Weight.

A healthy man with a normal appetite who reaches the age of 70 has eaten about 700 times his own weight, according to the calculation of experts of the Faculty of Paris. They have estimated that in his span of 70 years the average man of 10 stone will eat 13 tons of bread, 15 tons of vegetables, seven tons of meat, seven tons of fruit, 1,600lb. of sweets and sugar, and will drink 15,000 quarts of milk and 20,000 quarts of beer or other liquids.

## To-day's Thought.

It is strange, what old cronies hobbies will make of some men.

## Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7 1/2.

News was received here yesterday of the death at Home on Monday, of Inspector Alexander Gordon, of the Hong Kong Police. He had been in indifferent health for some time suffering from a severe attack of sprue, and went Home on leave about a year ago. It was known here, however, that his sojourn at Home had not effected any change in his health, and he was compelled to spend the major portion of his leave in the south of England. Instead of his native place, Tominatou, Banahire, North Scotland.

Forty eight years of age, the late Inspector Gordon spent the best years of his life in Hong Kong, coming out here in 1897.

## DAIRY FARM NEWS

We BEG to announce that from TO-DAY and until further notice all MILK and CREAM sold by us will be Pasteurized and may be consumed as delivered to customers. This step has the full approval of the Medical Officer of Health.

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Mr. Gandhi in the Cotton-shire.

Welcome to Kaye Don.

Drama in the City.

Scene showing suspending of  
Gold Standard.

Scintillating City.

South Africa calling the British  
Isles.

Sicily in Song.

Oriental and Ornamental.

Mr. Kancko designing lacquer  
work.

Mr. Barrington Hooper.

The Thunder of wheels.

A Railway Symphony.

Complete Change Of  
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**EMPIRE  
BROADCASTING.**

B.B.C.'s Chief  
Engineer Explains.

London, Yesterday.  
How Empire broadcasting  
would be possible by short waves,  
in the light of experience gained  
after several years of experi-  
ments at the Chelmsford sta-  
tion, was explained by the Chief  
Engineer of the British Broad-  
casting Corporation when ad-  
dressing the Royal Empire So-  
ciety.

In order to make use of direc-  
tional efforts, he said, the Em-  
pire was to be divided into five  
zones, with technical equipment  
designed to give the best possible  
reception facilities in each zone.  
The Empire broadcasting sta-  
tion would, probably, radiate the  
first programme before the end  
of the year. — Reuter.

## Give us A MERRY ENGLAND for MERRY ENGLISHMEN AND FENCE OFF THE KILL-JOYS IN A COUNTRY OF THEIR OWN.

By J. B. Priestley.

The waiter, who had been  
casting anxious glances at my  
table, finally came up, muttered  
something about the time, gasped  
an apology, and picked up my  
bottle and glass and whisked  
them away. I was not drunk. I  
was an adult citizen quietly dig-  
esting my supper; but the hour  
had struck, curfew had rung, and  
my bottle and my glass, like two  
Cinderellas, had to leave. It  
was midnight, and prohibition  
had set in for the next twelve  
hours.

Meditating upon this igno-  
minious proceeding, I asked my-  
self who exactly it was that had  
caused this removal of my  
drink. The waiter did not want  
to take my bottle away; the pro-  
prietor didn't; the man at the  
next table didn't; and I didn't.  
The police? Yes, but only as  
public agents. The public, then?  
But what public? Not myself,  
not the proprietor, nor the wait-  
ers, nor the other diners — and  
we were the people most con-  
cerned in the matter.

I thought of as many mem-  
bers of the public as I could  
rapidly summon to mind, and  
none of them frowned upon my  
having a drink after twelve at  
night in a restaurant. No doubt  
there are all manner of Chad-  
bandish gentlemen who strongly  
disapprove of such practices, but  
I could not see that these people  
were any more entitled to make  
the laws than myself and my  
friends. This, I told myself, is a  
piece of tyrannical humbug.

It would be only fair, I added  
indignantly, if we insisted upon a  
little compulsion. For years  
now we have been compelled by  
Chadbandish gentlemen, with  
loud voices and parcels of votes  
up their sleeves, to stop doing  
this and that. Suppose we com-  
pel them, for a change? What  
about a law making every citizen  
sit up at least one night a week  
and drink a bottle of wine in  
public after twelve? It would  
be only fair.

Under the present arrange-  
ment Chadband likes to go to  
bed early and dry; therefore I  
have to go to bed early and dry.  
Chadband says that if a certain  
piece is performed at the theatre  
it will offend him, so it is  
censored. He would not see the  
play anyhow, but that is not  
enough for him: he is determin-  
ed that I shan't see it. Well, why  
not give me a turn, and compel  
Chadband to see certain plays —  
all quite immoral or blasphemous  
— at my direction?

No Bullying.  
That would be only fair. But,  
then, I am a tolerant man, and  
don't really want to compel  
Chadbandish people to do any-  
thing they don't want to do ex-  
cept to mind their own business  
and morals. Although they have  
been bullying me for years, I am  
ready to forgive them, and to  
propose that in future they go  
their way and I go mine, with no  
bullying or interference on either  
side.

And I put this startling revo-  
lutionary proposal to the new  
National Government, which, if  
it really is a national Govern-  
ment, should begin by consid-  
ering the national temper a little.  
We have, I think, been dictated  
to long enough by deacons and  
elders.

There are two Englands — a  
merry England and a moral Eng-  
land. The latter is really much  
smaller than the former, but it  
has been better organised; has  
had a shriller voice, and has com-  
manded more blocks of votes,  
with the result that it has con-  
trived to make all the laws. And  
I cannot see why our social life  
should be moulded any longer by  
shop and chapel opinions. Let  
us, if necessary, divide up the  
country and separate the merry

England from the moral one.  
The moral one should have a  
capital of its own, and because of  
its Cockney traditions and its  
hospitality to visitors of every  
kind London is obviously unsuit-  
able. London should be the capi-  
tal of the merry England, a place  
in which you can do what you  
like so long as you do not make  
a real nuisance of yourself. The  
other England could have, say,  
Birmingham as its capital.

There all these repressive  
people could pass all the laws  
they pleased: no drinks at any  
hour, no mixed bathing, no bare  
legs, no wicked books and plays,  
curfew for everybody at nine  
o'clock. Everybody there could  
be as busy as they pleased cen-  
suring everybody else's morals.  
All those young persons who  
have to be so carefully protected  
could be promptly despatched to  
this England, out of harm's  
way. They would be able to stop  
everything — dancing, betting,  
kissing in cars, Sunday perform-  
ances, cigarette-smoking, even  
washing and eating — and every-  
body would be virtuous.

Then the other England, in  
which I would instantly propose  
to live, could go to perdition at  
its own sweet pace. Its Govern-  
ment could busy itself all the time  
looking after the larger affairs  
of State, instead of being a gov-  
ernness and a grandmother. The  
primrose way would be open for  
all.

### We Should Learn.

At first we would abuse our  
liberties, simply because we are  
not yet quite civilised people or  
really adult. But we would  
learn quickly.

In a sideboard, facing me as I  
write, there are bottles of whisky,  
gin, vermouth, port, sherry and  
liqueur brandy, and they all be-  
long to me, and there is nobody  
here to say I must not touch  
them. Yet — strange as it may  
seem — I am not feverishly  
opening bottle after bottle, pour-  
ing out glass after glass, drown-  
ing myself in the stuff. I am not,  
at the moment, touching any of  
them. And when I find myself in  
countries where I can, if neces-  
sary, drink at night I do not  
make a point of sitting up, night  
after night, to see how much I  
can drink. But there are times  
when a man wants to sit up very  
late in public with his friends to  
celebrate something, and he has  
a right to satisfy this ancient  
human need.

If we had this merry England  
it would be exciting to find out  
what would become of us. We  
should, you must remember, be  
entirely unprotected. The Gov-  
ernment, apart from keeping  
order, would not look after us.  
We should be able to buy lottery  
tickets all day, to call for drinks  
at any hour, to attend such ter-  
ribly blasphemous plays as  
"Green Pastures," to stare at  
rows of the barest legs, to be  
subjected to the most terrible  
temptations.

Frightening.  
So much liberty, I admit, is  
frightening — for those of us  
who know continental cities, such  
as Lyons or Leipzig, know what  
freedom has done for them, just  
making life there one long orgy  
— and perhaps it would be too  
much for us. Perhaps there  
couldn't be a merry England and  
we English could never reach a  
genial adult life. But it seems  
to me worth trying, just for  
once.

This is an experimental age.  
We have a Government with a  
massive majority that has just  
been put into power by the  
people of Britain. I wish it would  
try some of us — the merry, not  
the moral, English — with a  
latchkey and a little money of  
our own to spend as we please.  
That testota, non-smoking, non-  
musical, woman-hating, kill-joy  
who seems to have slipped in  
dozens and dozens of laws, while  
we were not looking, has had his  
way long enough. Let him go  
— Birmingham.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS MEETING.

Secretary-General's  
Resignation.

BRIAND'S ABSENCE REGRETTED.

Geneva, Yesterday.  
Mr. Sato, the Japanese Am-  
bassador to Belgium, associated  
himself with Lord Cecil's expres-  
sion of general regret at M.  
Briand's absence from the public  
sitting of the League Council, which  
opened to-day. He remarked that  
Japan was particularly grateful for  
M. Briand's efforts to resolve the  
difficulties of the Sino-Japanese  
question at the last session.

Dr. Yen, the Chinese Ambassa-  
dor to Washington, also paid a tribute,  
adding drily that the subsequent  
course of events had, unhappily, not  
been as M. Briand had planned.

The Council is discussing Man-  
churia this afternoon, as the result  
of pressure by the Chinese de-  
legates, who insisted that the ques-  
tion be discussed as soon as pos-  
sible. It is learned that Dr. Yen  
will make a lengthy statement on  
the whole position, and is expected  
to refer to the Shanghai situation.  
His subsequent procedure will be  
governed by the attitude of the  
Council. He is not likely to refer  
this afternoon to the question of  
sanctions.

A private meeting was held after  
the morning session, when Sir Eric  
Drummond's proffered resignation  
was discussed. — Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The resignation of Sir Eric  
Drummond (Secretary-General to  
the League of Nations) was not ac-  
cepted, and all members urged Sir  
Eric to reconsider his decision.

Sir Eric has promised to give the  
matter further consideration.  
He had asked to be relieved of his  
duties in twelve months' time. —  
British Wireless Service.

Later.  
When the Council reassembled  
this evening in public session, dis-  
cussion of the Liberian Slavery re-  
port was deferred, in order to en-  
able the Council to deal exclusively  
with the Manchurian dispute. — Reuter.

## POLICE RESERVE.

Orders for the Current  
Week.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C.  
Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General  
of Police, are as under:—

Training Course—Part II.—All  
recruits will attend at the Chinese  
Company's Headquarters, to-day at  
5.30 p.m. for instruction.

Defendu Class.—This will be held  
to-morrow at Police Headquarters  
at 5.30 p.m. under Police Sergeant  
R. J. Hunt.

Training Course—Part I.—All  
recruits of the Chinese Company  
will attend Central Police Station  
for Squad Drill on Thursday at 5.30  
p.m.

N.C.O.s. Class.—All N.C.O.s. will  
attend the Chinese Company's Head-  
quarters on Friday at 4 p.m. for  
instruction under Mr. Paterson.  
P.P.T.S.

Company Parade.—All ranks of  
the Chinese Company are reminded  
of the parade to be held at the  
Central Police Station at 2.30 p.m.  
on Saturday. All members must  
attend as a Company photograph  
will be taken at this time. Dress—  
Blue uniform, cap with white cover,  
truncheon, belt, whistle and chain,  
armlet and badge, "Pocket Police-  
man" and note-book to be carried.

Indian Company.  
Leave.—Constable R229, Jiwan  
Singh has returned from leave.  
Strength.—Constable R350, L. A.  
Guinaraes has been struck off the  
Roll of the Kowloon Section, Flying  
Squad, as from January 16.

The final instructional patrol of  
the month of the Hong Kong Sec-  
tion will take place on Friday. All  
members must attend. Dress—  
Blue uniform and cap with white  
cover. Members will fall in at  
Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m.  
sharp.

Defendu Class.—The defendu  
class will be held in the Gymnasium  
at Police Headquarters, on Thurs-  
day at 5.30 p.m. under Police Ser-  
geant R. J. Hunt.

Practice Patrol.—A practice  
patrol will take place on Friday at  
5.15 p.m. Members will fall in  
at that hour outside Queen's Pier.  
Uniform if possible.  
(Sgd.) D. L. King, P.M. (C.).  
Hong Kong, January 15, 1932.

Soviet traders have just com-  
pleted a 2 1/2 year petroleum contract  
with the Government, which  
will give the Government a steady  
supply of oil for the next 2 1/2 years.  
— Associated Press.

## "WORLD'S GREATEST TRAGEDY."

Duchess of Atholl and  
Russia.

TERRIBLE PICTURE.

The Duchess of Atholl, speak-  
ing on Russia on December 10 at  
a meeting of the women's branch  
of the City of London Conserva-  
tive and Unionist Association,  
said that Russia presented the  
greatest tragedy, from the hu-  
mane point of view, that the  
world had ever known.

Russia presented an amazing  
and terrible picture of a civilised  
State which was not only making  
an unprecedented use of prison  
labour on a commercial basis, but  
which was also conscripting the  
labour of ordinary men and  
women on an ever-growing scale,  
she said.

"We find that there is a great  
scarcity of food for the people in  
Russia, yet agricultural produce  
is pouring into other countries  
from Russia.

"It is no exaggeration to say,"  
she continued, "that the prime  
necessities of life are being filch-  
ed from the Russian people and  
sent over to this and other coun-  
tries. It is significant that large  
quantities of tinned fish are being  
imported into Britain at a time  
when fish has disappeared from  
the ration cards of the Russian  
people.

"When we look at Russia we  
are faced with the greatest men-  
ace to trade that the modern  
world has ever known.

"I should like this country to  
refuse to buy from Russia, so  
long as the Russians are con-  
scripted and kept on short ra-  
tions," she concluded.

## MEDICAL WORK.

Chinese Superstition  
and Psychology.

Dr. T. P. Wu, of Kuling, Kiangsu,  
gave an address on medical work in  
China at the 11th general meeting  
of the University Medical Society  
last evening. Dr. Wu is a graduate  
of the Hong Kong University and  
went into the interior of China  
about three years ago, where he  
worked among the poorer classes,  
mostly in Kuling, where he is con-  
nected with a missionary hospital.  
He has also done private practice.

In the course of his address, Dr.  
Wu spoke of the great need for  
qualified doctors and nurses in the  
interior, dwelt on his experiences  
as Medical Superintendent of the  
General Hospital and Sanatorium in  
Kuling, and referred to the fact  
that there were in China many  
poorly trained Chinese doctors and  
pseudo doctors, with the result that  
he did not obtain proper recogni-  
tion from some of the foreigners  
when he first arrived. With re-  
gard to his own compatriots, he had  
to face their superstition and their  
strange psychology, by which, to  
them, every foreigner must be a fool.  
In the end, however, he gained the  
confidence of both foreigners and  
Chinese.

## INDIA.

Congress Making  
Efforts to Recover.

"SILENT BOYCOTT."

Rugby, Yesterday.  
A summary of the week's  
events in India shows a general-  
ly satisfactory tendency. The  
main feature has been the di-  
minishing extent to which ar-  
rests, under emergency powers  
ordinances, have been necessary,  
especially in the North-West  
Frontier Province, where a steady  
improvement is recorded. More  
peaceful conditions prevail in the  
towns of the United Provinces,  
and to a very slight extent are  
the rural areas at present affect-  
ed.

On the other hand, Congress,  
apparently, is making efforts to  
recover from the effects of the  
initial blow dealt them by the  
authorities, and some extension  
of their activities occurred in  
particular areas, and the effects  
of a silent boycott are more  
marked. — British Wireless Ser-  
vice.

It is interesting to note that  
the Government has just com-  
pleted a 2 1/2 year petroleum contract  
with the Government, which  
will give the Government a steady  
supply of oil for the next 2 1/2 years.  
— Associated Press.

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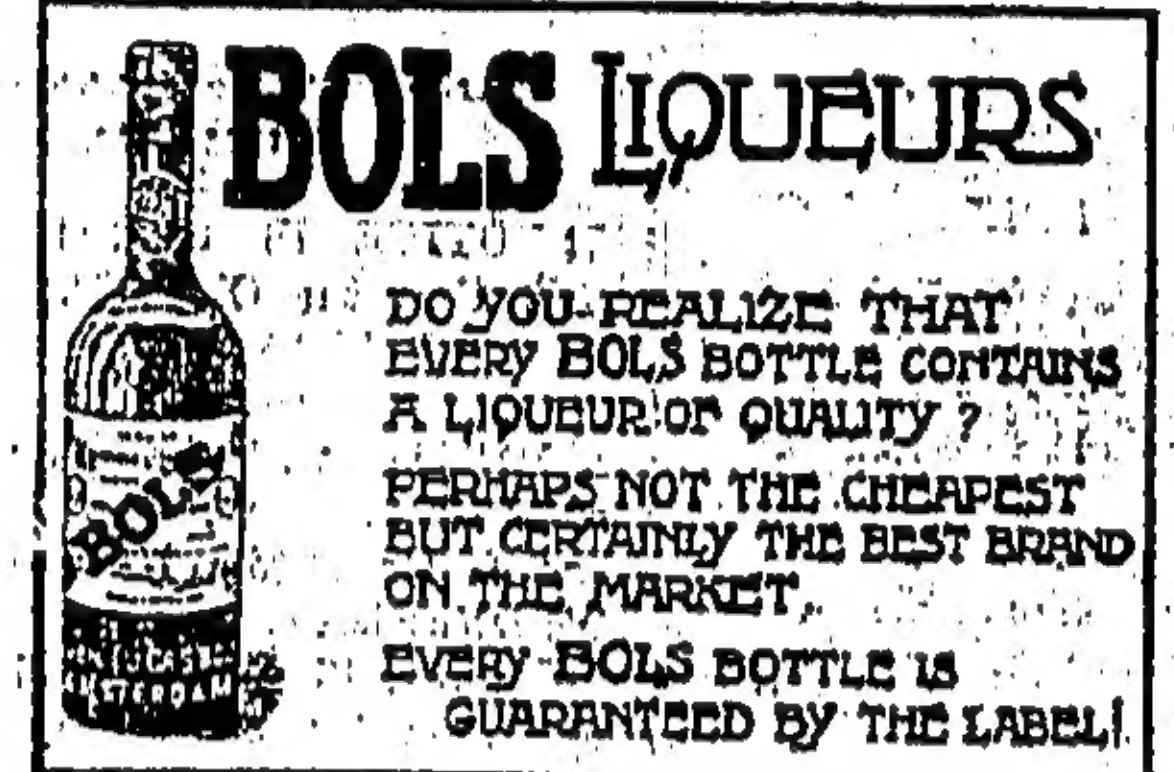
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DELAGOA MARU	Wednesday,	17th February.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
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MALACCA MARU	Monday,	8th February.
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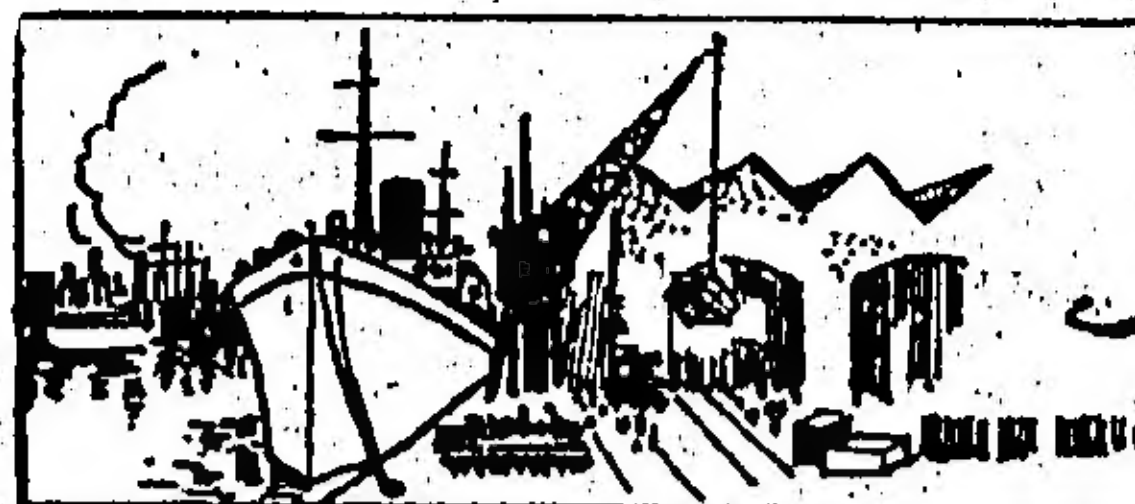
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BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MEL- BOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Melbourne Maru	Thurs.	4th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Sumatra Maru	Tues.	26th Jan.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROT- TERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Atlas Maru	Wed.	10th Feb.
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BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore & Colombo.	Himalaya Maru	Mon.	1st Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Balawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Canton Maru	Sun.	31st Jan.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sun- day).	Panama Maru	Sat.	6th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs.	25th Jan.

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## Shipping Intelligence.

## MOTOR SHIPS

WHEN PERFORMANCE EXCEEDS PROMISE.

If any permanent success is to be achieved with machinery or ships, the performance in service must at least be equal to the builders' guarantee. If performance can exceed promise, that is a real achievement, and types of vessels and their engines for which so much can be claimed possess an advantage over others which cannot readily be measured.

It is of value, from this aspect, to set down a little of the work that has recently been accomplished by important motor ships. For it will be found that in this respect of providing performance in excess of promise, the oil-engined vessel attains a remarkable standard. All the more so, when we can make analyses which refer to such widely varying classes of ship as a typical cargo liner, a fast North Sea passenger vessel, a big luxury passenger liner and a mixed cargo and passenger ship.

The cargo liner is the Blue Funnel ship Deucalion, which is intended by the owners to maintain a 14½-knot steady speed in normal circumstances fully laden. A short time ago, on a voyage from Australia to Europe, for a period of nearly one month she averaged 16.1 knots, with a displacement of 13,772 tons, incidentally on a fuel consumption of 37.16 tons per day for all purposes. From Port Said to Dunkirk the average speed maintained by the ship was actually 16.5 knots.

The Venus is a fast cross-Channel passenger ship designed to average 19 knots under normal conditions between Newcastle and Bergen. The weather conditions in the North Sea do not favour a constant adherence to trial trip speed, yet out of the first 61 trips of this ship 67 were made at a speed of over 19 knots, and last month she accomplished one at over 20 knots.

The luxury liner Victoria, for the Trieste-Alexandria trade, was built to maintain a schedule involving an average speed of 20½ knots. For her first ten trips the Victoria has averaged 20.8 knots and on no occasion during the first three months of service has the speed fallen below 20.35 knots.

The Amerika is a vessel carrying about 11,000 tons of cargo and 60 passengers. When she was placed in commission she was stated to be a 14½ knot ship. On a recent round voyage from Copenhagen to San Francisco and back the average speed was 15.46 knots. Her maximum loaded draught is 29 ft., and on the last leg of the trip, over a period of nearly 10 days, with a draught of 23 ft. 1 in., the speed was 15.52 knots. The Amerika's engine was originally considered to have a rating of 6,000 b.h.p., and was the first of its type constructed. On the voyages in question, of several weeks' duration, the average power maintained was 6,850 b.h.p. Some recent particulars of fuel consumption results may serve to bring the performance of the motor ship up to date in this respect. The

figures relating to the Deucalion have been given, namely, 37.16 tons per day, for a speed of 16.1 knots, the vessel being of 7,740 tons gross. This is equivalent to a consumption of 0.385 lb. per b.h.p.-hour for all purposes.

Precisely the same figure is recorded for the Amerika for a speed of 15.46 knots, this being for all purposes and bearing in mind that she has a certain "hotel load" in view of the passengers carried. For propulsion alone the consumption is 0.37 lb. per b.h.p.-hour and the lubricating-oil consumption 94.1 kg. per day (about 23 gallons), or 0.57 gr. per b.h.p.-hour.

During the tests of the machinery of the Polyphemus, detailed in the report of the Marine Oil Engine Trials Committee and published in part in this issue, it was ascertained that the fuel consumption of the engine was 0.385 lb. per b.h.p.-hour, but the trials brought out the way significant fact that over a wide range (from 800 b.h.p. to 2,800 b.h.p.) the consumption did not, at any point, rise above 0.4 lb. per b.h.p.-hour.

In other words, throughout practically the whole range of power required in the ship, the variation from the minimum fuel consumption was no more than 4 per cent. It is one of the claims of turbo-electric propulsion that it provides a great advantage over the geared turbine because of the high constant efficiency maintained at varying loads. In tests, of which details have recently been published, of the turbo-electric liner President Hoover, the consumption at 25,500 s.h.p. was approximately 16 per cent. greater than when the output of the machinery of the ship was half this quantity.

In estimating fuel consumption, account has now to be taken of the increased thermal efficiency attained by the growing adoption of exhaust gas boilers, which account for the equivalent of 5 per cent reduction in the fuel consumption. A Diesel engine with a normal consumption of 0.38 lb. per b.h.p.-hour has an equivalent consumption when operating in conjunction with exhaust gas boilers of about 0.36 lb. per b.h.p.-hour. In practical effect, it is found that on a ship with machinery of, say, 5,000 b.h.p., an exhaust gas boiler may save 3 tons of oil per day, representing, perhaps, an economy of £1,500 per annum for a vessel which is at sea for 250 days per annum, on the assumption that the cost is equivalent to £2 a ton.

This brief examination of recent results in service of motor ships abstracted from numbers which are now available gives an indication of the possibilities of Diesel propulsion for various classes of vessel which will not be ignored by owners who, in the near future, will have to consider the type of tonnage which they must order to replace some of their steam-driven vessels which are now rapidly becoming obsolete—Motor Ship.

## THE NEW ROUTE.

British Ships Avoiding Canal Tolls.

British ships trading between Britain and New Zealand are now using the once dreaded Cape Horn route rather than pay the heavy tolls for passing through the Panama Canal.

As the result of the fall in the pound sterling canal charges at Panama have been greatly increased to British shipowners, who have found it more economical to send their vessels around the stormy Cape than to take the shorter journey through the Canal.

This means 2,500 miles added to the voyage, which fast motor-ships can cover in about eight days. This extra time is greatly reduced when the very slow passage through the Panama Canal is taken into consideration.

For similar economical reasons a number of vessels on the England-Australia services are being sent by way of the Cape of Good Hope, thus avoiding the charges for passing through the Suez Canal.

Coming by way of compensation to the Panama Canal authorities for their loss of the New Zealand shipping is the relinquishing by charterers in the soy bean trade of the customary requirements that cargoes of soy beans must be shipped from the Far East via the Suez. This is the result of the high Suez Canal charges, and many of the ships in this trade are now making their voyages on the Panama route.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day—

Berwick—North arm.  
Bruce—South wall.  
Cornflower—In dock.  
Cumberland—West wall.  
Herald—East wall.  
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.  
Keppel—North arm.  
Pandora—In dock.  
Protos—In dock.  
Tamar—Basin.  
Verity—No. 11 buoy.  
Whitall—East wall.  
Whitall—No. 12 buoy.  
Wild Swan—No. 11 buoy.  
Foreign Men-of-War.  
Argus—French river gunboat.  
McCormick—American destroyer.  
Mindanao—American river gunboat.

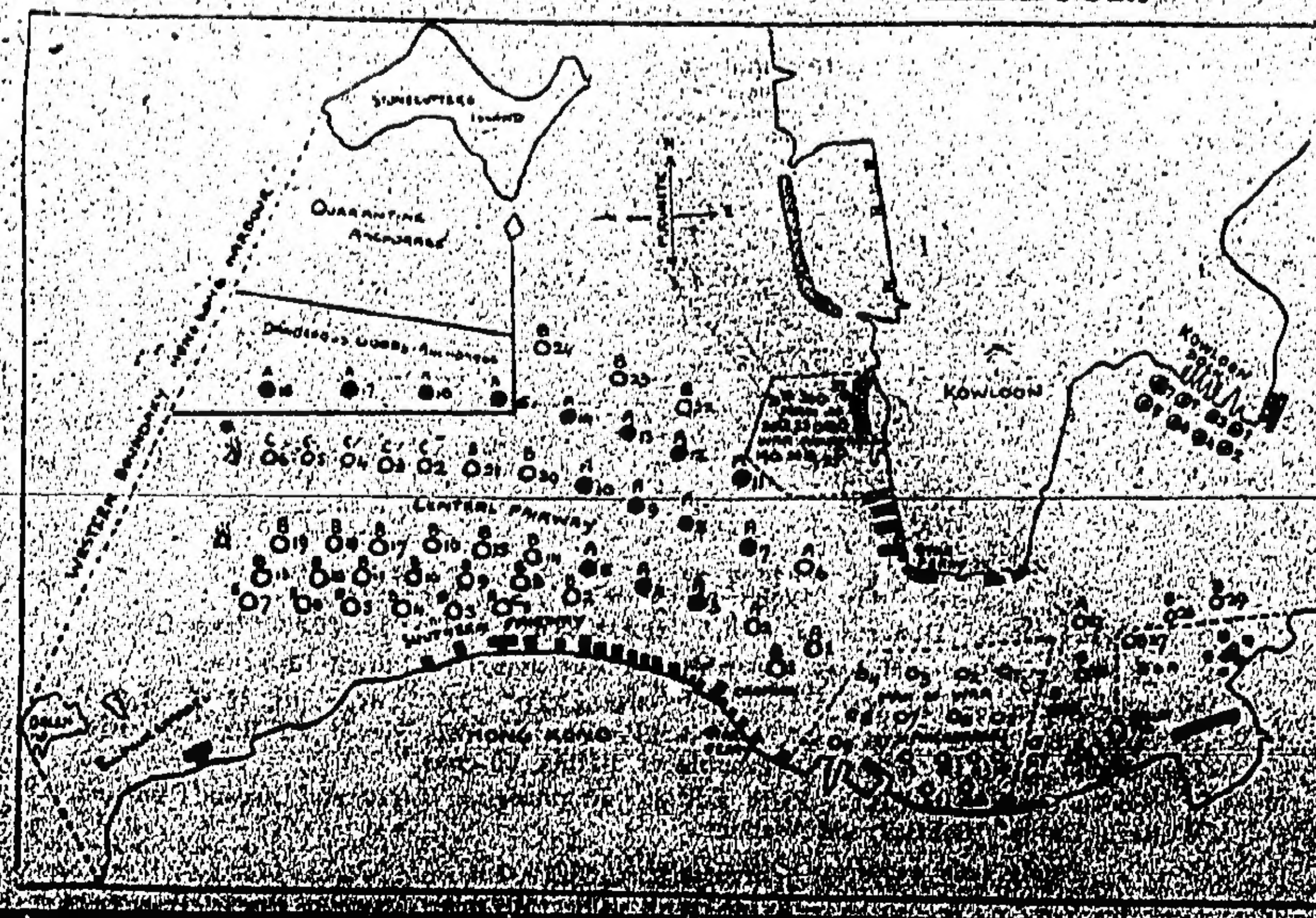
## STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Britain (R/W Cruise) arrived at Padang on January 25 (Mon.) at 7.30 a.m., left Padang on January 26 (Mon.), and is due at Batavia on January 27 (Wed.). She is due at Hong Kong on February 11 (Thurs.) a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. Benalder from Middlebro, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on January 23, and is due to arrive here on January 30.

The E. & A. s.s. Nellore left Mofl for this port on January 23, p.m., with the Japanese Mail, and is due here on January 27, p.m.

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LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"DOLIB" 20th Feb. For Port Said, Havre, L'pool & G'gow.

"EUREYLOHUS" 1st Mar. For Port Said, Liverpool, Havre & Glasgow.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"PHEMIUS" 6th Feb. For Boston, New York, & Baltimore.

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(via KOBE & YOKOHAMA.)

"PROTEUS" 10th Feb. For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

"DIION" 10th Feb. For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

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*TALMA	10,000	1932. 27th Jan.	} Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
		10 a.m.	
TALAMBA	8,000	9th Feb.	
SIRDHANA	8,000	23rd Feb.	

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			1932.	
*SUDAN	6,800	27th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
NALDERA	16,000	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
SIDHANA	8,000	29th Jan.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.	
KANDA	7,000	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
*KIDDERPORE	8,800	6th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.	
TILAWA	10,000	10th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.	
CATHERGEE	15,000	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.	
*BURDWAN	6,800	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
SANTHIA	8,000	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KASPUTANA	17,000	26th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
*TALMA	16,000	7th Mar.	Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.	
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.	
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
*SOMALI	6,800	5th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KANPURA	17,000	7th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
CHITRA	15,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
*BANGALORE	8,000	28th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
RANCHI	7,000	5th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
NALDERA	16,000	19th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KATSAIR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.	
KASPUTANA	17,000	13th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	
*SUDAN	6,800	28th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.	

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The decision of Mr. Justice Bateson in an action heard in the King's Bench Division, in which the owners of the Danish steamer Sydhavet claimed a sum for dead freight in connection with a charter-party for the transport of pit props from Falmouth to Cardiff, is one of considerable interest to timber importers, says the *Syren*. Under the charter-party, which was in the "Wood Charter" (Scandinavia and Finland to the United Kingdom) form, it was arranged the vessel should proceed to Møllersvik and there load a full and complete cargo from the charterer's agents. It was stipulated that "at loading port, the cargo shall be brought alongside ship at charterer's risk and expense. The cargo shall be loaded at the rate of 125 fathoms per weather working day on an average during the ordinary working hours of the port." Another relevant clause gave the master liberty, if there were danger of the ship being frozen into sail without cargo or with part-cargo and fill up elsewhere, while another gave the master or owners an absolute lien on the cargo for dead freight. The *Sydhavet* reached her port on November 8 and lay three miles from the shore, the props being rafted to her. Ice began to form, and by the 16th it was difficult to get cargo out, while by the 21st, when 394 fathoms of the 760 which comprised a full cargo were on board, it was impossible to load further. The ship thereupon proceeded to Cardiff, where the master claimed a lien for dead freight and the defendants paid the sum in dispute to the dock authority and so obtained release of the pit props. For the plaintiffs it was contended that the ice risk fell upon the charterers, who had ordered the ship to the port and had notified the master they could supply no more cargo. With regard to the clause, stating that loading was only obligatory on "weather working days," it was urged that this constituted no defence, inasmuch as ice was not weather, and also that the charterers should have explicitly protected themselves against the ice risk. The defendants, on the other hand, maintained that ice was weather, because rain was weather and ice was merely colder rain. Mr. Justice Bateson, in giving judgment, said that ice which prevented loading was weather which prevented loading within the meaning of the charter-party, and he ruled that the defendants were entitled to payment of their deposit with interest.

Sunday January 24.

Anshun, British str., 1,868 tons,  
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Capt. J. R. Nisbet, from Can-  
ton, buoy No. C2.—B. & S.

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Capt. Kwok Sai Lo, from Tour-  
ane, buoy No. B11.—Yau Lee  
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Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778  
tons, Capt. G. Svane, from  
Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M.  
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Dorry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons.

President Monroe, for Manila.  
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Hydra II, for Bangkok.  
Deli Maru, for Canton.  
Glenamoy, for Shanghai.  
Fingal, for Bangkok.  
Hosan Maru, for Swatow.  
Yatchsing, for Swatow.  
Helics, for Swatow.  
Taikai Maru, for Takao.  
Sinabang, for Whampoa.  
Rangoon Maru, for Moji.  
Hong Kheng, for Singapore.  
Shantung, for Swatow.  
Suiyang, for Canton.  
Dorry, for Helhow.  
Shingo Maru, for Singapore.

**ARRIVALS.**

Par s.s. President McKinley from U.S., Japan and China, on January 26:—

Mr. Owen D. Burnette, Mr. Benjamin M. Berinstein, Mr. Sidney J. Burn, Miss E. L. Chang, Mr. John R. Clairmont, Mr. John Carr, Mr. Augustin Chan, Mr. Chu Ming Chuen, Mr. Fan Wah Shun, Mr. Eugene Goetschel, Mr. Leonard N. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Hee Chung, Mr. H. M. Hind, Mr. A. R. Harris, Mr. Walter Kelly, Mr. William P.

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Jan. 26 to Feb. 1, 1932.									
Date	High Water Standard Ht. Times.					Low Water Standard Ht. Times.			
	Jan.	H.	M.	F.	M.	H.	M.	F.	M.
Tues. 26	12	20	15	4	18	05	41	04	1
	23	15	7	8	16	30	30	8.2	
Wed. 27	12	51	4	5	18	01	21	0.6	1
	00	00	00	00	17	20	8.1		
Thurs. 28	13	24	5	0	18	20	1.0	0.1	1
Fr. 29	00	50	6	3	17	39	1.7		
	18	55	5	2	19	38	8.0		
Sat. 30	01	41	5	3	08	15	2.3		
	14	35	6	4	21	17	2.8		
Sun. 31	02	54	4	3	08	50	2.9		
	00	00	00	00	17	42	0.4	2.4	
Mon. 1	05	50	3	5	09				
	18	25	0	0	00	—	—		

King, Mr. A. Krisel, Mr. Knabe, Mr. Kan, Mr. Louey Wei Chow, Miss K. Y. Leo, Mr. L. L. Liu, Mr. Jose Leon, Miss Gloria Leon, Mr. Missie King Chu, Mr. W. Orlowitz, Mr. Charles C. Roberts, Mr. C. P. Sun, Mr. K. Sun, Mr. W. Schwinnow, Mr. Skerst, Mr. C. L. Tsai, Mr. Rolan E. Vidals, Mr. Wong E. Vidals, Mr. Wong Sue Kong, Dr. De Witt H. H. Wolfe.



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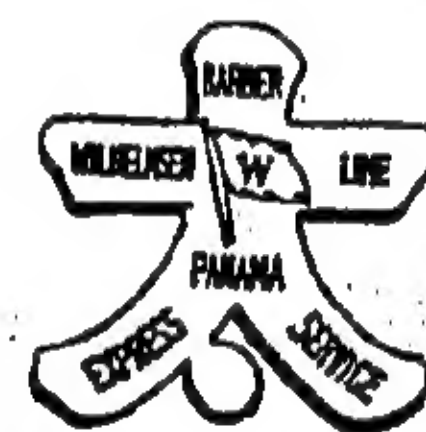
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## RADIO TOPICS

THE CHOICE OF A PICK-UP  
ADJUSTABLE COUNTERWEIGHT SHOULD  
BALANCE ACTUAL DEADWEIGHT.

There is a good deal to be said for having a pick-up which will give a "brilliance" to the tone of the reproduction; and, as you know, the brilliancy depends very much upon the presence of the higher frequencies.

If you have only the lower frequencies without the upper ones you are apt to lose this peculiar but so easily recognisable quality of brilliancy; while, of course, if you go still further into the lower frequencies, your reproduction is apt to become boomy.

Curiously enough, some people prefer the boomy type of reproduction. It all depends really upon what type of instrument you favour. For instance, if you are specially interested in "cello" reproduction or the bass human voice, a boomy type of reproduction suits this very well.

For all round work, however (and, after all, it is impossible to confine yourself to one or two types of record), it is preferable to have a pick-up which will give you at least a fair modicum of the higher frequencies.

## Pick-Up Weight.

By the way a point which I am often asked is whether it is better to have a light-weight pick-up or a heavy one, the idea being that a light-weight pick-up is easy on the record, while, on the other hand a heavy pick-up holds the track better.

As a matter of fact, this question cannot be answered very precisely. It is true that if a pick-up is very light it is apt to "float" in the track and so lose a good deal of "definition," while also the pick-up as a whole is apt to vibrate instead of remaining stationary.

It goes without saying that any part of the vibration of the needle which is communicated to the body of pick-up represents so much lost motion, since it is only the relative motion, as between the armature and the body of the pick-up, which contributes to the generation of speech currents.

## The Happy Mean.

I certainly do not advise a very heavy pick-up. By this I mean that

it is undesirable to have a large dead-weight resting on the record. I think the happy mean is a pick-up of moderate mass—or weight, if you prefer it—but with the actual dead weight to some extent counter-balanced either by a spring, or by means of an adjustable counterweight. In other words, you want a fair mass or inertia in the body of the pick-up, while the actual dead weight on the record should be only sufficient to keep the needle in positive engagement.

The great increase in the efficiency of receiving valves, while it has, of course, brought with it enormous improvements in the power and range of even small receiving sets, has not been entirely without its disadvantages—or, should I say, its added responsibilities. A highly sensitive receiver naturally requires more careful handling, and, as you know, the extra efficiency often involves a tendency to low-frequency howling or motor-boating.

When a couple of stages of transformer-coupled I.F. amplification were used, even if I.F. instability were set up—which was not very often the case—it could generally be cured by the simple process of reversing the leads to one of the transformers.

Transformer Improvements. However, like valves, have also undergone very great improvements, with the result that the overall amplification now obtainable per stage is enormously greater than it was a few years back.

The result of all this is that, if there should be any accidental coupling in the high-tension circuits, low-frequency oscillation will most probably be set up.

Internal Resistance. Add to this the much greater shunt currents now so often used in the h.t. supply unit being heavily overloaded. In passing, I should remark that any trouble from this particular course can obviously be

overcome by the simple process of using an h.t. source which is adequate for the purpose in view.

If it is a dry battery, then a heavier duty one should be substituted, while if it is a question of a mains unit, you should be careful to choose one which is capable of giving the required output without much drop in voltage—for a drop in output voltage when under working conditions is a sign of internal resistance, which is a very fruitful source of unwanted coupling in the h.t. circuits.

For Different Purposes. I should like to refer to a point with regard to rectifiers which is sometimes overlooked and that is the features required in a rectifier which is to be used for a mains unit and those in one which is to be used merely for charging purposes.

It may be said that with fairly wide limits almost any rectifying device is suitable for battery charging because the actual wave form of

the rectified current is of little or no importance. I do not want this statement to be taken too broadly, but in a general way it is correct.

Wave-Form. When we come to a rectifier for use in a mains unit or in a mains-operated receiver, however, the wave-form of the rectified current becomes quite important.

The less pronounced the irregularities in this wave-form the easier it is to smooth out these irregularities in the subsequent smoothing circuit.

## Press Button Receivers.

The next step after the development of the mains unit was obviously the inclusion of the rectifier and smoothing circuit within the receiver itself, and mains operated sets have become during the past couple of years very popular indeed. The advantage of a mains-operated set is that it is complete within itself and merely has to be plugged into the electric light, when it is all ready for operation.

It thus appeals to what may be called the "ordinary listener" (as distinct from the experimenter), who naturally wants the operation of the set to be reduced to the

simplest possible form. In fact, an efficiently designed mains-operated set is literally a press-button receiver, and is actually simpler and easier to operate than the gramophone.

Indirectly-Heated Valves. Mains receivers have, of course, been designed (more particularly in the States and in Germany) for use with indirectly-heated valves, and in the countries mentioned receivers of this type have met with considerable success although in Britain the indirectly-heated valve never seems to have made very much headway.

It is possible, using indirectly-heated valves, to reduce the cost of the components for the set very materially.

Such sets are remarkable for their simplicity, compactness, and efficient performance, no less than for the small number and cheapness of the components used. One can be much impressed with the fact that so much result had been achieved with so little material, and I believe that sets of this type will in the near future make an appeal to a considerable section of the public.—Malay Mail.

## HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

		Jan. 20, June, June,		
		1932.	1918.	1914.
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
<b>Butcher Meat.</b>				
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	33	24
" Prime Cut	牛尾肥	"	30	23
" Corned	牛尾肥	"	28	12
" Roast	牛尾肥	"	33	24
" Breast	牛尾肥	"	30	20
" Soup	牛尾肥	"	27	20
" Steak	牛尾肥	"	33	24
" Steak Sirloin	牛尾肥	"	40	30
" Sausages	牛尾肥	"	36	25
Bufock's Brains	牛尾肥	"	17	10
" Tongue, fresh	牛尾肥	"	75	50
" Tongue, corned	牛尾肥	"	60	—
" Head	牛尾肥	"	12.20	—12.20
" Heart	牛尾肥	"	14	13
" Hump, salt	牛尾肥	"	24	18
" Feet	牛尾肥	"	12	10
" Kidneys	牛尾肥	"	16	10
" Tail	牛尾肥	"	27	20
" Liver	牛尾肥	"	24	13
" Tripe	牛尾肥	"	8	6
Calves Head & Feet	牛尾肥	"	11.50	11.00
Mutton Chop	牛尾肥	"	44	25
" Leg	牛尾肥	"	44	25
" Shoulder	牛尾肥	"	40	24
" Saddle	牛尾肥	"	44	—
Pig's Chittlings	牛尾肥	"	30	27
" Brains	牛尾肥	"	16	15
" Feet	牛尾肥	"	30	15
" Fry	牛尾肥	"	20	18
" Head	牛尾肥	"	20	18
" Heart	牛尾肥	"	18	10
" Kidneys	牛尾肥	"	15	10
" Liver	牛尾肥	"	58	30
Pork Chop	牛尾肥	"	38	25
" Leg	牛尾肥	"	40	—
" Loin	牛尾肥	"	44	60
" Fat or Lard	牛尾肥	"	25	21
Sheep's Head & Feet	牛尾肥	"	50	60
" Heart	牛尾肥	"	12	8
" Kidneys	牛尾肥	"	15	12
" Liver	牛尾肥	"	45	25
Smoking Pig, to order	牛尾肥	"	25	25
Suet, Beef	牛尾肥	"	30	20
" Mutton	牛尾肥	"	36	24
Veal	牛尾肥	"	23	20
" Sausages	牛尾肥	"	28	—
<b>Fish.</b>				
Barbel	魚	lb.	52	16
Bream	魚	"	32	20
Canton Fresh Water Fish	魚	"	32	—
Carp	魚	"	35	13
Catfish	魚	"	38	16
Codfish	魚	"	36	12
Crabs	魚	"	56	16
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	28	23
Dab	魚	"	26	18
Dace	魚	"	44	23
Dog Fish	魚	"	22	10
Sole, Conger	魚	"	66	10
" Fresh Water	魚	"	75	16
" Yellow	魚	"	52	10
Frogs	魚	"	84	26
Grouper	魚	"	1.15	32
Gudgeon	魚	"	24	40
Herrings	魚	"	32	23
Halibut	魚	"	38	13
Labrus	魚	"	35	18
Loach	魚	"	80	22
Lobster	魚	"	64	62
Mackerel	魚	"	46	32
Monk Fish	魚	"	46	20
Mullet	魚	"	36	13
Oysters	魚	"	46	12
Parrot Fish	魚	"	26	14
Percy	魚	"	30	30
Pike	魚	"	44	16
Plaice	魚	"	54	23
Pomfret, White	魚	"	58	32
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	44	24
Prawns	魚	"	76	10
Ray	魚	"	26	13
Rock Fish	魚	"	26	13
Salmon	魚	"	40	23
Shad	魚	"	38	24
Shark	魚	"	20	8
Shrimp	魚	"	30	10
Skipper	魚	"	64	35
Squid	魚	"	42	33
Tuna	魚	"	35	27
Turbot	魚	"	56	12
Turtles, small fr. water	魚	"	1.55	12
<b>Poultry.</b>				
Chickens	雞	lb.	66	30
Capon, Small	雞	"	58	23
Capon, Large	雞	"	62	23
Duck	鴨	"	45	22
Doves	鴿	each	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	88	18
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	"	40	25
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72	36
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	56	24
Geese	鴨	"	48	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	50	30
" Hothow	鴿	"	40	23
Turkey, Cook	雞	lb.	80	—
Turkey, Hen	雞	"	75	61
Quail	雞	each	30	—
Partridges	雞	"	1.00	—
<b>Fruits.</b>				
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	35
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24	36
Bananas (bridge)	蕉	"	6	4
Carambola	楊梅	"	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12	8
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	"	20	—
Oranges	橙	"	16	15
Pears (Canton)	梨	"	36	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10
Perseimmons, Large	紅柿	"	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	通羅柚	each	15	12
Walnuts	核桃	lb.	30	16
Grapes	葡萄	"	60	—
<b>Vegetables, &amp;c.</b>				
Artichokes	竹筴	each	12	—
Beans, Sprout	豆	lb.	6	—
" Long	豆	"	12	—
Beet Root	甜菜	"	8	24
Bitter Squash	青瓜	"	8	5
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	10	—
" Red	紅瓜	"	12	12
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	"	4	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹筴	each	35	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	35	—
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	"	30	—
" (Small)	小花椰菜	"	20	6
Carrots	金夢	lb.	6	5
Celery, Chinese	菜	"	16	10
Chillies, Dried	紅辣椒	"	18	25
" Red	紅辣椒	"	14	10
" Green	青辣椒	"	8	8
Curry Stuff, English	椰菜	"	10	8
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	2	—
Garlic	蒜	"	8	6
Ginger, Young	姜	"	10	7
" Old	姜	"	8	20
Horseradish, Shanghai	菜	"	60	8
Indian Corn	粟米	each	10	45
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6	1
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	"	12	—
" Mandarin	荸薺	"	14	—
Mushrooms, Fresh	蘑菇	"	1	10
Okros	菜	"	10	8
Onions, Bombay	洋葱	"	6	4
" Green	洋葱	"	8	6
" Shanghai	洋葱	"	8	6
Parsley	菜	"	20	60
Potato, Sweet	薯	"	5	8
" Japanese	日本薯	"	8	3
" American	金山薯	"	8	3
Pumpkin	南瓜	"	5	4
Radish	蘿蔔	"	10	10
Spinach	菠菜	"	10	8
Squash	南瓜	"	10	8
Taro	芋	"	10	8
Turnip, Small (Long)	菜	"	10	8
Water Cress	蔞薺	"	10	8
Water Lily Root	蔞薺	"	10	8

Tibbett, Famous Singer, Signs  
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Akron, Dec. 18. When it developed that their paths were to cross in the National Capital, it was arranged that the protracted negotiations for the distinguished singer's appearance on the Firestone radio program should be brought to completion. After the signing of the contract, Mr. Tibbett, Jr., was congratulated for bringing into the home each week the greatest voice America has ever produced, and Mr. Tibbett for setting a precedent in the artistic world.

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### NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

#### Dartmoor.

An inquiry is to be held in connection with the recent disorders.

#### Three Fires.

One of which, though, proved to be a false alarm, suggested the attention of the Fire Brigade Department last night and this morning. At 3.20 a.m. an outbreak occurred at 17 Gage Street, occupied by a firm of joss paper and lantern makers. The floor was destroyed whilst the first floor also suffered damage. The extent of the loss on the ground floor is estimated at over \$5,000.

#### New Solicitor.

Mr. P. H. Kwok, brother of Mr. F. H. Kwok, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, was admitted to practise by the Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court, this morning. Mr. Kwok is joining Messrs. Ts'o and Hodgson.

#### School Prizes.

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, M.A., J.P., distributed the prizes at the Government Vernacular Middle School, Saiyungpun, this morning. A satisfactory year's work was reported by the head master, Mr. K. H. Li.

#### Ellis Kadoorie School.

The annual prize distribution took place at the Ellis Kadoorie School this morning, when Mrs. R. E. O. Bird, the wife of a former head master, was present to give away the awards.

#### Bank of England.

Without reducing its gold reserve, the Bank intends to repay, at maturity, \$7,500,000 to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Bank of France. It will thus liquidate the August (1931) loan of \$50,000,000.

#### Cadetships.

Appointments, in the future, will be made from candidates selected on the advice of the Colonial Service Board. Competitive examinations are to be abolished.

#### Continental Stock Exchanges.

An important step to stabilise share prices and promote the mobility of capital has been taken by certain Continental Stock Exchanges.

#### India.

A summary of the week's events makes happier reading. The authorities seem to have the situation well in hand.

Congress is making efforts to recover from the set-back received, and some extension of activities has been recorded. The efforts of "silent boycott" are more marked.

#### Sir Alfred Yarrow.

The eminent marine engineer and shipbuilder died yesterday at the age of 90.

#### Greek Premier in London.

M. Venizelos has arrived in London on a "private" visit, but is expected to discuss his country's financial problems with British experts.

#### Britain's Fiscal Programme.

According to Home newspapers, the new programme will impose a flat rate of ten per cent. on all manufactured and semi-manufactured imports; provides for a small tariff commission of experts; but makes no provision, at present, for Dominions' preference.

#### Coal Mine Explosion.

An explosion occurred in a Rhonda Valley, Wales, coal mine, yesterday. Four are reported dead, six others entombed are now believed to be dead, while many of those rescued are in a critical condition.

#### Geneva Meeting.

The League Council reassembled yesterday, and, at its public session, regret was expressed at M. Briand's absence.

In private session, the Council considered Sir Eric Drummond's resignation. It was not accepted, and members have urged Sir Eric to reconsider his decision, which he has promised to do.

The Council reassembled in public session, in the evening, and, in order that it could deal exclusively with the Manchurian problem, the Liberian Slavery report was deferred for discussion at a later date.

### WELSH COAL MINE EXPLOSION.

**Four Dead and Many  
Injured.**  
**SIX ENTOMBED.**

London, Yesterday.  
An explosion occurred to-day in a pit of a coal mine at Llwynypia, Rhonda Valley, Wales. It has been attended with loss of life.

So far, it is known that four are dead, while six others, who are yet entombed, are believed also to be dead.

A number of those who have been rescued are stated to be in a critical condition.—Reuter.

### THE MANCHURIAN PROBLEM RE-STATEMENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the gates of the town and railway station.

Mr. Sato described the growth of the bandit scourge in Manchuria, and said that the Japanese having begun to wipe it out was unable to stop halfway.

Shanghai Situation.  
He admitted that the situation at Shanghai was very critical, but said that the systematic incitement of the masses persistently pursued by the Chinese authorities was the source of the origin of the trouble.

What had incensed the Japanese to a dangerous degree was a caption in a Shanghai vernacular dealing with the bomb outrage on the Emperor, namely "Unfortunately Another Carriage Hit." In consequence the

Japan-ophobia advocated by the Chinese authorities would be incalculably disastrous. The Japanese had shown tremendous patience, but this had merely encouraged further Chinese aggression.

#### Japan's Intentions.

Mr. Sato declared that Japan was determined to protect her nationals from molestation. All Powers, at one time or another, had dispatched warships and troops to China to protect their nationals.

Japan was criticised, and accused of wanting to occupy Manchuria and close the "open door," but there was no truth in the charges. Japan wanted to maintain the principle of the "open door" and make Manchuria a place where progress and development was possible in peace and security for Chinese, Japanese and all nationals. Japan proposed a frank exchange with China to arrive at a settlement of all outstanding questions, but China had rejected her overtures, and stirred up a popular agitation that had been unequalled for violence.

#### Mr. Yen's Retort.

Mr. Yen replied that he had no doubt Japan favoured the "open door policy," but the door would be so crowded with Japanese getting in that nobody else would be able to pass.

The meeting closed at 8 o'clock. It will reassemble at 10.30 o'clock to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

#### Shanghai Events.

Geneva, Yesterday.  
The League is appealing to the Chinese and Japanese Governments to do their utmost to prevent a fresh conflagration breaking out at Shanghai, where the situation is very grave and complicated by the International Settlements.

### BANK OF ENGLAND.

**To Liquidate  
August Loan.**  
**OF £50,000,000.**

#### London, Yesterday.

It is officially announced that the Bank of England will repay, at maturity, half of the credits of £15,000,000 each advanced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Bank of France, thereby completing redemption of the £50,000,000 granted to Britain last August in defence of sterling.

This operation will be carried out without reduction of the Bank of England's gold reserve.—Reuter.

#### Statements.

This announcement was made by M. Paul Boncour at the conclusion of to-day's dealing with the Manchurian dispute.

Although in League circles it is felt that the serious recent events at Shanghai greatly aggravate an already complicated situation. Until the matter is actually brought to their official knowledge no startling developments are possible.

The reply to a question on the subject asked by a member of the Council said that the attitude of the League, naturally, would be influenced by the line the Chinese delegation would take, but seeing that the Commission of Inquiry was about to set out to investigate on the spot, it was improbable that the Council, materially, would alter its standpoint.—Reuter.

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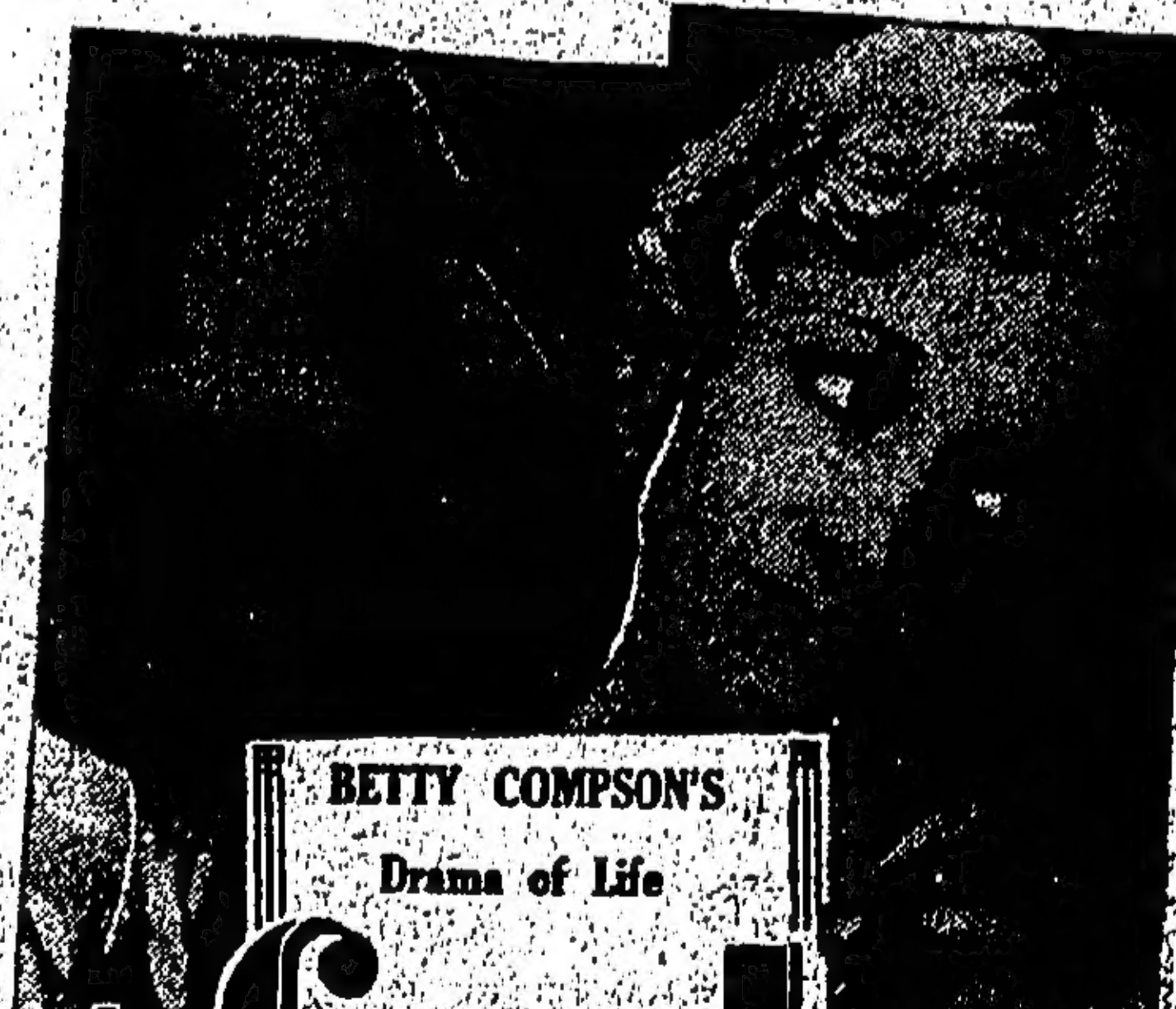
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